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House passes budget bill

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REPORTER

The House of Representatives unanimously passed Saturday a budget bill to appropriate \$109.7 million out of \$150.4 million in total budgetary resources, and \$52.6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act funds, for CNMI government operations in Fiscal Year 2023.



Manglona

With all 16 House members present voted "yes," House Bill 22-116 in the form of HD2 will be transmitted to the Senate for the latter to either accept, amend, or substitute it. Four representatives were absent but excused from the session.

Before passing the budget bill, House members approved

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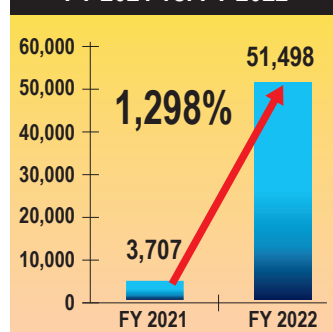
Arrivals up 766% in July 2022

Tourist arrivals to the CNMI grew 766% to 10,367 visitors in July 2022, compared to 1,197 visitors received in July 2021, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

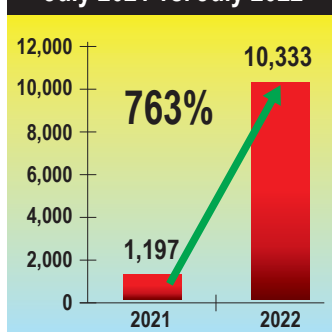
So far this fiscal year, 51,532 visitors have come to the Marianas compared to

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Visitor Arrivals Year to Date FY 2021 vs. FY 2022



Visitor Arrivals Year to Date July 2021 vs. July 2022



Source: Marianas Visitors Authority

CEC board certifies 99 candidates

- » Alfredo Taimanao found qualified to run for Rota mayor
- » CEC approves ballot layout
- » Edwin Quitugua disqualified to run for a Saipan Municipal Council seat

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Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan and CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol signed Friday a resolution certifying the six gubernatorial candidates and 93 other candidates for meeting the requirement of law to be placed on the ballot

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan presides over a board meeting at the CEC conference room in Susupe Friday. Also in the photo, clockwise, are deputy attorney general Lillian A. Tenorio, CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol, CEC commissioner John Diego Attao, Sablan, assistant attorney general Clark Dela Cruz, vice chair Esther A. Yatar, commissioner Lelanie I. Manglona, and commissioner Jesus S. Cepeda. The board certified the six gubernatorial candidates and 93 other candidates for the Nov. 8 general election.

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A car driven by Princess Diana in the 1980s sold for 650,000 pounds (\$764,000) at auction Saturday.

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Kilili says Biden announces student debt forgiveness

» Delegate says CNMI is getting another \$3.4M from FEMA to cover costs to responding to pandemic

» To date, CNMI has received a total of \$57.9M from FEMA related to COVID-19 relief

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said yesterday that those with federal student loans will have their freeze in payment extended through Dec. 31, 2022 with up to \$20,000 forgiven for eligible borrowers.

Sablan in his e-kilili newsletter also disclosed that the CNMI is receiving another \$3.4 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover costs of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing to a total of \$57.9 million to date the Commonwealth has received in FEMA grants related to pandemic relief.



Sablan

The delegate said President Joseph Biden Jr. announced this week the student debt forgiveness, which he (Sablan), along with other congressional colleagues, requested this continued pause on collections of federal student loans.

Last July 28, Sablan and several of other U.S. lawmakers wrote a letter to Biden and U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, urging them to extend the pause on student loan payments, given the numerous economic issues facing borrowers across the nation, as well as administrative actions in process by the department.

The lawmakers noted that on Sept. 1, 2022, tens of millions of federal student loan

borrowers are scheduled to resume payments.

Sablan and his colleagues said resuming student loan payments would force millions of borrowers to choose between paying their federal student loans or putting a roof over their heads, food on the table, or paying for childcare and healthcare—while costs continue to rise and yet another COVID-19 variant increases hospitalizations nationwide.

Sablan said yesterday that Biden also proposed lowering the cap on monthly payments from 10% to 5% of a borrower's income.

\$50K bail set for man accused of attempted rape

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The Superior Court has imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on a man who is currently facing attempted sexual assault charges for allegedly attempting to rape a woman.

During a bail hearing last Thursday, Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on Jones Smith, 41, for charges

The delegate said some borrowers may be eligible to receive relief automatically because the U.S. Department of Education has their income data.

"If you don't know if the department has your income data, the Biden administration will launch an application in the coming weeks," Sablan said.

President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the U.S. Department of Education have announced a three-part plan to help working and middle-class federal student loan borrowers transition back to

regular payment as pandemic-related support expires.

The plan includes loan forgiveness of up to \$20,000. The Biden administration will provide more details on how to claim this relief and other information in the coming weeks.

Regarding FEMA grants, Sablan said the \$3,457,425 that the CNMI is getting, require no local match and are intended to pay for labor, rented equipment, materials, and contract services performed between February and October of 2020 to set up testing and screening operations.

He said the money also covers outreach to the public on health and safety information related to the pandemic.

Sablan said labor costs include \$275,933 for overtime pay to 176 workers.

The delegate said to date, the Homeland Security/Emergency Management has received \$44,626,962; the government's lost wages program, \$7,721,288; the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., \$3,612,310; the Office of the Governor \$1,929,856; the Funeral Assistance Applicants, \$87,531; or for a total of \$57,977,949.

es of attempted sexual assault in the first degree, strangulation, assault, and disturbing the peace for assaulting and attempting to rape his common-law wife.

Following his bail hearing, Smith was remanded back to Department of Corrections custody for failure to post bail.

The judge ordered the defendant to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 31 at 10am, which his

arraignment was set for Sept. 19 at 9am.

According to court documents, on Aug. 19, 2022, police responded to a reported assault and attempted rape incident in Chinatown, Garapan.

The victim told police that Smith, her common-law husband, was drinking that night and when he arrived home, he was talking about problems they had in the past.

She said she told him to

stop and to go to sleep but Smith refused.

She added that this went on for a while and she was not able to sleep because Smith kept waking her up.

She said Smith also kept asking her to have intercourse with him, but she said no because she was tired.

She said Smith refused to let her rest and told her to "stop pretending" like she

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Superior Court dismisses TRO vs Ogo filed by Borja in assault case

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The Superior Court has dismissed the Temporary Restraining Order taken out by Maryann Borja against Rowina Ogo to essentially prohibit Ogo from going near

the complainant, whom she allegedly assaulted at a bakery in Dan Dan.

Last Tuesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio issued an order dismissing the TRO taken out by Borja against Ogo due to lack of familial relationship.

Borja took out a TRO against Ogo pursuant to the Domestic and Family Violence Act of 2000, or Public Law 12-19.

"Based on the matters adduced and the testimony proffered at the hearing, the court found a lack of familial

relationship defined by Public Law 12-19. Therefore this matter is hereby dismissed," the judge stated.

In a statement from Borja, she said she previously filed her TRO pro se, or without representation by a lawyer. She expects to file another

TRO soon through a lawyer.

Meanwhile in an interview with Ogo, she shared that she just recently learned that this is the second TRO taken out against her by Borja. The first was dismissed due to the same reasons.

"She was denied because

we are not related," she said.

Although the TRO has been dismissed, Ogo shared that she is still facing misdemeanor charges for the alleged assault against Borja.

She is set to appear before the court again on August 29

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CUC schedules water service interruption on Wednesday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled water service interruption on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for customers in the areas of Tun Herman Pan Road, Lower Dandan Home-stand, As Lito, portions of As Perdido, Tottotville and Koblerville (from the St. Jude Cathedral to the ABCD Market in Koblerville).

The scheduled water service interruption is to allow CUC's water operators to repair a possible 6-inch transmission mainline break located in front of the Hawthorne Building on Tun Herman Pan Road in Airport Road Dandan. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, motorists are asked to proceed with caution when traveling through the working area as the outer northbound lane will be closed for the repair. CUC appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding as we continue to provide reliable service to the people of the CNMI.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

BOG declares cash dividend

BankGuam Holding Company (BKGM) announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for the holders of its common stock and a dividend payment to the holders of the company's 7.08% Floating Rate Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, at its board's regular meeting held on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022. The dividends will be paid on Sept. 30, 2022, to shareholders of record as of Sept. 15, 2022. (PR)

Court grants injunction against CCC

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The District Court for the NMI has granted Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's request for a preliminary injunction against the Commonwealth Casino Commission to prohibit the commission from revoking IPI's exclusive casino license.

During a hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction and order to compel arbitration

last Wednesday, District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona granted IPI's request for injunction against the Commission to allow IPI to pursue its right to arbitration.

An injunction is similar to a temporary restraining order in terms of prohibiting a party, in this case the CCC, from carrying out an action. However, an injunction is a more longterm solution as it prohibits CCC from revoking IPI's license pending arbitration.

SHRM general membership meeting this Wednesday

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will host a general membership meeting taking place at the Giovanni's Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Saipan on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, starting at 12pm. Doors will open at 11:30am.

Frances Torres, director of the Workforce Investment Agency from the CNMI Department of Labor, will speak about the programs and apprenticeship opportunities available for businesses and government agencies.

This meeting will include

lunch. Seating is limited. One person per one entry. One representative may submit multiple entries for each participant under their company.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters.

The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. (PR)

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Presumptive Medicaid now set to expire in January

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has officially confirmed that the “Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid” has been extended another quarter, or three months.

CHCC CEO Esther Muña said that Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid, or PE, which was supposed to expire in October, has been extended another three months and is now set to conclude in January 2023.

Muña explained that the presumptive Medicaid program was established pursuant to the National Public Health Emergency put in place due to COVID-19. Because of this, a two-months’ notice should be given before the public health emergency is lifted, ending the program.

However, in a previous interview with Muna, she said the two months’ notice should have been given last Aug. 14, as a result, because ample time was not given, the program has been extended.

“The expiration was supposed to be October but we were supposed to be given two months’ notice of when it expires. The two months’ notice should’ve been on or before Aug. 14. Because they did not give that notice, that means the Public Health Emergency will most likely be extended another quarter. We’re looking at the public health emergency ending in January 2023,” she said.

“We’re supposed to be given ample time to notify the community that the Public Health Emergency is ending.

Once the Public Health Emergency Ends, then Medicaid presumptive eligibility ends,” Muña earlier said.

Presumptive eligibility, or PE, is an expedited process of enrolling eligible residents in the CNMI Medicaid program. It allows patients to have their care covered while waiting for their application to be fully processed.

It offers immediate access to health care while applying for regular Medicaid or other health coverage. You can start using PE for Medicaid coverage right away for Medicaid covered services, such as doctor visits, hospital care, and some prescription drugs.

Starting the day you are approved for PE, you are able to go to any health care provider that ac-

cepts Medicaid.

Individuals and families are eligible for Medicaid if their attested gross income does not exceed 180% of the Supplemental Security Income federal benefit, which is about \$28,800 annually for a family of four.

Medicaid, under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, has already started the “unwinding down” process which essentially means vetting all the applications for those who were presumed eligible for Medicaid and determining whether they really are eligible for regular Medicaid or not.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

HOUSE

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floor amendments to the legislation offered by House Ways and Means chairman Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan).

Before tackling the budget bill, the House also unanimously adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 22-2, SD1, that approved the identified total estimated \$150,415,492 in revenues and resources of the CNMI for fiscal year 2023.

Manglona, who is the main author of the budget bill, said the committee concurs with the changes that the Senate made to the House Concurrent Resolution No. 22-2, SD1, and that it is reflected in the budget bill, House Bill 22-116.

“These are just corrections made to clarification what is owed,” Manglona said.

He said the committee proceeded with the budget preparations with the figures in mind.

Manglona offered floor amendment to his bill to correct some fig-

ures in the scheduled A, B, and C in the legislation.

Rep. Christina Sablan also offered a floor amendment to the bill to insert language pertaining to the provision on the Medicaid Program.

The House adopted the floor amendments offered by Manglona and Sablan.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) commended Manglona and members of the committee “for a very thorough work that they have done.”

“I’d like to thank my colleagues here as it is very important that we must pass a product so that our counter colleagues up in the Senate could also review before the end of Sept. 30, 2022,” John Sablan said.

Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) also commended Manglona for his patience and leadership in guiding them through the budget process.

Babauta said it wasn’t an easy task this budget season given the administration’s decision to zero off the operation for the entire CNMI government.

“We have to look for funding to try and put it in general revenues to try

to restore that to the departments,” she said.

Minority leader Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) asked some clarification regarding the Medical Referral.

Demapan said the Medical Referral is structurally transferred from the Governor’s Office to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

“So we don’t have any funding in this budget for Medical Referral according to this schedule. Are we leaving all of that to CHCC revenues to support the Medical Referral Program?” Demapan said.

Manglona said he was going to go over the work that the committee did and it should address how they plan to fund CHCC Medical Referral.

Manglona said the committee worked tirelessly in trying to present this balanced budget as they try to address every departments and agencies after they conducted hearings on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

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ARRIVALS

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3,707 visitors over the same period last fiscal year.

July’s figure is about one-third the number of average monthly arrivals prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it marks a significant increase in arrivals since July 2021 at the implementation of the MVA’s Tourism Resumption Investment Plan (TRIP).

A total of 8,444 visitors arriving from South Korea in July 2022, compared to only 86 visitors in July 2021. There were 61 flights to the Marianas in the month compared to flights in July 2021. Bookings in July and August have been dampened by rising COVID cases in South Korea, making people hesitant to travel.

The MVA is countering the dip in flight operation by raising awareness of the Marianas through digital, outdoor, and social media ads and a sales promotions with travel agents to make the Marianas the first choice for people when travel demand picks up.

The Marianas received 109 visitors from Japan in July 2022, compared to only three visitors in July 2021. Beginning on Sept. 1, 2022, the TRIP program will incentivize three weekly flights from Narita to Saipan by United Airlines. The program will continue for an initial six months as the MVA and tourism partners work to stabilize the Japan market. At this time, Japan is experiencing its seventh wave of increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, resulting in travel apprehension. Other challenges include a strong U.S. dollar, costing Japanese visitors more to purchase the same amount of service compared to before the pandemic. Also, as direct flights with Japan have been infrequent for most of the last four years, the MVA is working on rebuilding public awareness of the destination, especially among the younger generation.

The Marianas also received 835 visitors from Guam, 670 visitors from the U.S. and a combined 321 additional visitors from all other destinations in July. (PR)

CEC

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for the Nov. 8 general election.

During the CEC board meeting at CEC conference room in Susupe, the board also found that Alfredo Taisacan Taimanao, a U.S. Army veteran, is qualified to run for Rota mayor.

Sablan said during their Aug. 22 meeting, the board also determined that Edwin Raymond Quitugua does not qualify to seek election for a seat in the Saipan Municipal Council for failing to meet the required 100 signatures to support his candidacy.

The board likewise approved the ballot layout for the election.

The board certified the candidacies of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan); Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang; and Rep. Christina Marie E. Sablan (D-Saipan) and her running mate, Rep. Leila Haveia F. Staffler (D-Saipan).

Torres and Sablan are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the Republican Party.

Palacios and Apatang are competing for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under a unified independent team.

Sablan and Staffler are the Demo-

cratic Party’s bets for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

The board also certified the 93 other candidates who are running for various elected positions, for meeting the requirements of law.

During Friday’s meeting, CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol recommended to approve the nominating petition of Taimanao, who is running for Rota mayor as an independent.

Deputy attorney general Lillian Ada Tenorio, counsel for Igitol at the hearing, submitted her proposed order in Taimanao’s case. Although Taimanao did not submit a proposed order, the board did not require him to do so.

Chair Sablan announced his finding that Taimanao has met the residency requirement and therefore qualified to run. He cited the testimony of Taimanao and his wife, and the documents presented during the Aug. 22 hearing.

Sablan said after Taimanao retired from the U.S. military, he worked for U.S. Postal Service in Guam and did retire from the postal service in 2021.

Sablan said it was presented to the board that Taimanao had resided in Guam in 2012 but there’s no record of him ever voting in Guam.

Sablan said Taimanao testified under oath that he built a house on Rota and that it was probably done in 2013.

Sablan said Taimanao was paying

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. utility billings and that he never rented his house on Rota to anybody as he and his wife would go back and forth periodically to Guam and Rota.

“A lot of people were thinking that [under the law] you have to be at that resident 24/7 in three years and that is not the case,” the chairman pointed out.

The four other commissioners present did not argue. All five commissioners later unanimously accepted and approved Taimanao’s nominating petition.

With respect to Quitugua’s appeal, Sablan in an interview said it was decided during the Aug. 22 meeting that he did not qualify because he did not meet the 100 required signatures on his petition.

Sablan said Quitugua has only presented 79 qualified signatures as they found that 18 are duplicate signatures.

He said there was no hearing because it was clear that there was no issue for him to argue.

“We did not take action on the other concern, which is the residency,” the chairman said.

Quitugua appealed CEC’s challenge on the issue of his residency. The hearing was set for last Aug. 22, but he failed to appear and requested for an extension as he was in the hospital at that time.

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was sleeping.

At around 1:30 am, the victim said, Smith jumped on top of her and put one knee on her left inner thigh and the other knee on her right inner thigh and held her arms down.

Smith then allegedly put both his hands on her face covering both her nose and mouth making it nearly impossible for her to breathe, “suffocating” her.

However, the victim said she

eventually managed to sit up and pushed Smith’s face with both hands and scratched his cheeks with her nails.

The victim said Smith allegedly threatened to kill her and hide her body in a closet.

The complainant said Smith’s statement scared her because she knew he kept a knife near the bed so she said she did not say anything to Smith after that.

She, instead, waited until later that morning, at around 7am, to go to the Round House in Chinatown where she called for police assistance.

COURT

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for her arraignment.

“I can’t say much about what happened in regards to the assault case as it is still an ongoing matter. However, all I can say is everyone has a button and if you keep pushing that button, it will eventually break. That button, for me, broke and I made a promise and I just kept my word,” she said.

Ogo, who is represented by Stephen Nutting, is a well-established entrepreneur on Saipan and Rota, and is also the former sister-in-law of

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Borja claims that she was at Herman’s Bakery buying bread when she was attacked just as she was leaving. She claims that she was “thrown” against a fixture just outside the bakery before she felt a person’s hands grasp her neck and “strangle” her.

During the struggle, Borja said she clearly saw that it was Ogo who was assaulting her and she was stunned. In a photo of Borja circulating on social media after the altercation, it appeared as though Borja sustained cuts and scratches to her neck as a result of the fight.

Portable gas stoves, butane canisters to be distributed

The Department of Public Works, Energy Division Office along with the Office of the Governor, Office of Grants Management will be distributing portable gas stoves and butane gas canisters on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the 500 Sails parking lot in Susupe from 8:30am to 4pm.

This distribution is part of the agencies' hosting of the "2022 Saipan Energy Educational Awareness and Community Outreach Program Campaign Drive-Thru Distribution Event."

With the continuing rise in the utility rate, the Division of Energy and the Office of

Grants Management will be promoting energy conservation to encourage implementation of energy measures by distributing portable gas stoves and butane gas canisters to residential households to help reduce energy use and save money.

To avail of a portable gas stove with butane gas canisters, residential homeowners must present a copy of a valid government-issued identification card (ID) and a copy of a most recent Commonwealth Utilities Corp. utility billing with the same name on the ID

and CUC account and limited to 1 per household. Residents that are tenants of apartments, rental properties, etc., and not named as the CUC account holder, must provide a copy of a lease or rental agreement. If the residential homeowner with the CUC account holder's name is unable to make it, please provide a letter of authorization along with a copy of the ID matching the CUC account name to avail of the said distribution item.

Only one authorization letter will be accepted per individual. Businesses, rental

property owners, and/or landlords are not eligible to receive portable gas stoves and butane gas canisters.

With limited supply for this event, items will be available for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the specified time only, while supplies last.

Lastly, due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, the public is required to observe and comply with all health and safety protocols. Masks are required at all times during the program event hours of operations. All vehicle operators

and passengers must remain in their vehicles at all times and must follow all posted event signs and obey all event traffic flow signs.

For additional questions or information regarding this event, you may contact Maile Iakopo, reporting specialist, at telephone numbers 664-4480/4.

Funding opportunity for this project is made possible through grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy-State Energy Program and Office of the Governor, Office of Grants Management. (PR)

Atkins Kroll donates \$1,000 to MINA's Green Gala



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Atkins Kroll sales manager Saipan Kevin Barnes hands over the facsimile \$1,000 check to MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero.

As part of its Community Matters program, Atkins Kroll donated \$1,000 to the 2022 Green Gala to be held on Oct. 7 at the Aqua Resort Club Saipan. The Green Gala, an event hosted by the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA), celebrates and honors the community's efforts to conserve the natural resources of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"AK is thrilled to sponsor this year's Green Gala. We admire MINA's mission to improve and promote environmental sustainability in Micronesia and consider

it a great honor to support their cause. It is in line with Toyota's mission to increase the use of renewable energy and other environmentally conscious projects. These smart practices help to create safe, enriching and viable landscapes for our islands' residents and we are proud to support them," said Joel Lesh, vice president and general manager of Atkins Kroll Saipan.

Atkins Kroll thanks MINA for their continued partnership and wishes them a spectacular Green Gala. (PR)

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A total of 26 child care providers from six child care centers across Saipan participated in a training on Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning for Natural Disaster and Human-caused

Emergencies, conducted by Maricar I. Pena, Evergreen Learning quality care specialist, at the Kagman Community Center last Aug. 20.

During the two-and-a-half-hour professional development opportunity, participants were able to identify the new federal requirements and health and safety standards for emergency preparedness and planning, define the different kinds

of emergencies, articulate the importance of planning, identify natural disasters and human-caused events that should be addressed in emergency plans by CNMI child-care providers, explore the

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Participants of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning for Natural Disaster and Human-caused Emergencies training pose for a group photo.



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The training was conducted by Evergreen Learning quality care specialist Maricar I. Pena.

six steps of emergency planning, apply the new federal standard requirement in the review and revision of their current emergency plan, and also identify the current content list of EPRRP.

This module meets the

health and safety training requirement for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) child care providers under the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act of 2014. (PR)

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: August 22, 2022 CLOSING DATE: September 06, 2022 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2022-025	1- Accounting Clerk	\$19,294.00- \$21,278.40 -per annum

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

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For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB22-GOV/OPD-42200142

CNMI PROCUREMENT OFFICE RENOVATION
SUBMISSION DATE: **10:00 AM ChST SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is soliciting sealed bids for the CNMI Procurement Office Renovation in Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This project will be funded by the 702 Covenant funding under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The project package will be available in digital format only on **August 15, 2022** at the Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at the project site located in Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI at **10:00 AM ChST August 30, 2022**. Proposers may request to participate via phone call or virtually five (5) days prior to the meeting scheduled. All attendees are required to use a face mask and exercise social distancing throughout the duration of the meeting.

Questions regarding this ITB may be submitted via email to **Ms. Sunny Aldan** at sunny.aldan@gov.mp no later than **4:30 PM ChST September 6, 2022**. All Questions & Answers will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out and submit the Notice of Intent to Bid Form to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 AM ChST, September 14, 2022**.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ **Ralph DLG. Torres**
Governor, CNMI

/s/ **Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director**
CNMI Procurement & Supply

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RFP21-RED005
"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"
This RFP21-RED005 IS CANCELLED

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The revised RFP Information and Instruction Package is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP packet by email referenced "RFP21-RED005 MANAGAHA CONCESSION". Responses to questions will be uploaded in the DPL website no later than November 12, 2021. DPL encourages interested proposers to visit our website for updates.

Sealed proposals must be marked "RFP21-RED005 MANAGAHA CONCESSION". One (1) original and seven (7) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the DPL at the address below no later than 4:00pm ChST, November 25, 2021.

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A non-refundable Administrative Process Fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. ALL costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposer. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ **SIXTO K. IGISOMAR**, DPL Secretary

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB22-DPL-42200154

SUBMISSION DATE: September 22, 2022 TIME: 9:00 A.M

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/s/ **SIXTO K. IGISOMAR**
SECRETARY OF DPL

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Daughter of Yap, UOG valedictorian begins Harvard Medical School

Megan Gimmen, a former government of Guam Merit Scholar and valedictorian of her Okkodo High School and University of Guam graduating classes in 2016 and 2020, is beginning medical school this month at Harvard University on a full scholarship.

Gimmen, a first-generation college graduate, received acceptance letters from a total of 12 medical schools — four of which were Ivy League schools: Harvard University, Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell University. She was also offered full scholarships from several on the list but ultimately chose Harvard, where she will spend four years in the Doctor of Medicine program with her tuition and partial living expenses covered.

Harvard Medical School is ranked the No. 1 Best Medical School for Research and the No. 9 Best Medical School for Primary Care by U.S. News & World Report.

Coming from the close-knit island communities of both Guam and Yap, where her parents are from, Gimmen said she chose Harvard largely due to its supportive and friendly campus community. Moreover, she was inspired by the research, work, and attitudes of the faculty and students.

“I really like the people I met there. [...] I thought it was very powerful to feel encouraged and motivated just speaking with the students,” she said. “Their mindset there is you don’t have to wait until later, you can try to make change now.”

Gimmen’s interest in going



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Megan Gimmen stands outside the Science Building on the University of Guam campus holding the Harvard Medical School pennant, where she began a Doctor of Medicine program on a full scholarship on Aug. 1.

to medical school began in high school, when members of her family had to move off-island for medical treatment and she witnessed the stress of navigating the health care system and the financial strain it put on her family.

“There are a lot of disparities in our health care system in Guam, and we just don’t have a lot of the resources,” she said. “In other islands surrounding us, they have even less resources. That’s what kind of made me think, ‘Hey, somebody should do something about this.’”

Gimmen enrolled at the University of Guam in 2016 and double majored in chemistry and biology. During her time at UOG, she availed of different opportunities to gain experience, including the BUILD EXITO research program through Portland State University and two internships with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

An internship with Guam Memorial Hospital allowed her to apply what she learned in the classroom and gain hands-on experience working with patients.

“I would help feed patients their meals or help with their physical therapy,” she said. “At the long-term care facility, they’re there for a longer time, so you get to build more of a relationship with patients. It was a great experience, and I really enjoyed it.”

After graduating from UOG in 2020, Gimmen began a two-year Doctoral Diversity Program at Johns Hopkins University (Md.), which provided mentorship and research experience to prepare her for medical school.

Now attending Harvard Medical School as of Aug. 1, she gives credit to her mentors and strong support systems in the Guam and Yap communities for providing guidance, support, and encouragement throughout her undergraduate journey.

“I really liked my time at UOG — I think the biggest thing was community. I was close to a lot of the people I was going to school with, and I was able to have a relationship with a lot of my professors,” she said.

Tedros Bezabeh, her former chemistry professor at UOG, said her achievement is an inspiration for all students in Guam.

“Because of her, many

now believe getting into Ivy League medical schools is not out of reach,” Bezabeh said.

Gimmen advises aspiring medical students in Guam to seek out and take advantage of the many pre-medical fellowships, research positions, pipeline programs, and gap-year programs that are available. She also advises students to find a mentor: “Mentorship is integral for navigating higher education and medicine,” she said. “Look for mentors who want the best for you and value you both as

a student and a person.”

Regarding choosing a medical specialty, Gimmen said she is keeping her options open for now. But one thing is for sure: She is on a mission to create positive change in health care for future generations.

“I hope that whatever it is, I’m able to make it about ways to improve the health care system to make it more equitable for Pacific Islanders and other populations that experience serious health disparities,” she said. “Our community deserves so much.” (PR)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE FRANCISCO C. ADA/ SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT & COMMUTER TERMINAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-22

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the “CPA”) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the “RFP”) and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide janitorial services. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone (NMIAC 40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **August 22, 2022**, upon payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier’s check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. Ratification of Employment Contract
(Executive Director)

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION²

V. ADJOURNMENT

¹Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
²Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-22-032

SAN ANTONIO WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; relocation of water meters from private property to right-of-way, installation of gate valve assembly, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly, flush hydrants; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-IFB-22-032, San Antonio Water Line Replacement Project**”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Alley Reyes, Project Engineer – via email at alley.reyes@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior – via email at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 05-2022

Opening date: August 15, 2022	Closing date: September 02, 2022
Location: SAIPAN	SALARY
Positions: (1) ARFF General Maintenance (1) ARFF Mechanic II (1) ARFF Mechanic III	PL 3/1 to 3/12 (\$8.01/hr. to \$13.70/hr.) PL 6/1 to 6/12 (\$9.27/hr. to \$15.85/hr.) PL 12/1 to 12/12 (\$12.42/hr. to \$21.25/hr.)

Location: TINIAN	SALARY
Positions: (2) General Maintenance I	PL 2/1 to 2/12 (\$7.63/hr. to \$13.04/hr.)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport**. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 02, 2022.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Biden's student loan wealth transfer

Another day, another great wealth transfer. President Joe Biden has delivered on his campaign promise of student loan debt relief with a \$300 billion plan that will take money from blue-collar workers and turn it over to white-collar workers.

When Democrats look back on why they keep losing the votes of many lower-income communities, they might reflect on the fact that the government just agreed to hand \$10,000 in taxpayer-funded debt relief to individuals who earn up to \$125,000 a year.

The economics of this decision only fuel an inflationary fire, as former Obama administration official Jason Furman noted. And Biden's legal justification, based on a Sept. 11 emergency order, amounts to an abuse of presidential authority.

Meanwhile, there is little discussion of some of the root causes of the what's called the student loan debt crisis. The price of the four-year college degree has spiraled upward at speeds that make our current inflation surge look like a slow roll.

Any number of colleges and universities — flush with endowments, taxpayer funds or both — continue to raise tuition costs as they layer on administrators and construct fabulous campuses that would make a sultan blush.

Even more modest universities are forced, through bottomless federal requirements, to increase administrative costs that are passed along to students.

Many of these same universities offer an ever-expanding array of majors with dubious economic or academic benefit. Students graduate with degrees in hyper-specialized subjects that don't evenly apply to the waiting job market. Meanwhile, universities require ever less grounding in common and broadly applicable subjects that once made up the core of a university education.

Sometime after the second World War, the culture decided that a college degree was the ticket to a stable, productive life of upward mobility.

For a while, that was a decent bargain. But the ticket's value has been distorted in any number of ways. There are plenty of jobs that shouldn't require a degree. And there are plenty of degrees that aren't worth the paper they're written on, despite the debt burden they've put on their recipients.

The student loan crisis is really a crisis of education. Students are paying a lot for a little. The Biden administration is now going to foist some of that cost onto the backs of the taxpayers.

The message to young people is that they weren't really responsible for the loans they took. The system was unfair. And there is some truth to that, at least insofar as the value of their degrees doesn't match the cost.

But why are we treating the symptom, instead of trying to cure the disease?

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Rewriting how Russia's war in Ukraine could end

Six months into Russia's latest war with Ukraine, it's hard to see how it ends. Complete military victory by either side is unlikely. This means the end of this war will be shaped by the battlefield, but it won't be secured there. It will come from negotiations molded by motivations of both sides and the realities of the conflict as they develop.

Ultimately it will be up to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his government to determine what is in the best interest of the Ukrainian people. But if Ukraine's partners want to help it reach a palatable peace, they should not only help Kyiv shape the conflict with military support but facilitate avenues for future talks too.

Some supporters of Ukraine find it blasphemous for Kyiv to even consider making concessions to reach a peace. Zelenskyy, however, has repeatedly called on Western partners to help bring Russian President Vladimir Putin to the negotiating table.

It isn't just about coming to the table though. The answer isn't to force a settlement under unacceptable circumstances. Taking steps to change the balance of power can alter the circumstances under which this war ends. Ukraine is keeping the door to diplomacy open, but at the same time working to change the parameters within which that diplomacy occurs.

Ukraine's recent strikes into Crimea are part of that strategy and have expanded what is on the negotiating table to include the peninsula's security — something Russia cares about deeply but did not think was up for grabs before.

These actions are taking a political and emotional toll on Russia and potentially changing how the Russian people think about Putin's "special military operation." Though Russia's claim there is illegal, it has held Crimea for eight years, and the area is an important military base, a seaside playground for Russian elites, and a key part of the Great Russia story driving Putin's imperialist war. Ukraine lacks the ability to retake Crimea but has managed to hit the Black Sea Fleet headquarters and destroy Russian aircraft through sabotage and drone strikes. Russian civilians are now fleeing Crimea's beaches, which previously felt far afield from the war.

These attacks come at a time when Russia's advances on other fronts have stalled, and Ukraine is launching its first major

By ELIZABETH SHACKELFORD
Chicago Tribune

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counteroffensive of the war. In its attempt to retake Kherson in the south, Ukraine faces tough odds. But if it succeeds, it would threaten Russia's hold on Crimea even further, as control of Kherson means controlling Crimea's fresh water supply.

At the same time, Ukraine continues to seek and secure more and better weapons from the West. The United States in particular is providing Ukraine with expanded capabilities that are also shifting the balance.

This summer, Washington provided precision-guided artillery that gave Ukraine the ability to target strategic bridges under Russian control. Ukraine has used these to good effect by taking out multiple bridges across the Dnieper River supplying Russia's forces in Kherson.

These weapons have put Ukraine on a path to potentially isolate the Crimean Peninsula altogether. Notably, Ukraine has not yet destroyed the Kerch Strait Bridge, Russia's only direct access into Crimea from Russia, leaving open a possible lever of negotiation. Additionally, these tools have made it less likely that Russia can wait out Ukraine in a war of attrition. After all, Russia's endurance has limits too, especially while it continues to resist declaring war to mobilize its full military might.

None of this suggests Ukraine is on a path to defeat Russia anytime soon. But these shifts give Ukraine an edge at the negotiating table and expand the contents of what that table includes. They are examples of the dynamism and unpredictability of war and how changing circumstances on the battlefield can change leverage beyond it.

A negotiated end requires concessions on both sides. For
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Biden's debt relief plan will make American politics worse

President Joe Biden's student-debt plan is bad policy in too many ways to count. But is it also bad politics? Apparently he and his advisers think not, given that he announced this initiative just before the midterm elections. No disrespect to their expertise, but I wonder if they have miscalculated.

Consider the substance first. The exact cost of forgiving up to \$20,000 of student debt for millions of eligible borrowers and capping monthly repayments for a different (overlapping) group is impossible to know, given that all the rules haven't been set out. But it will likely be \$500 billion or more.

Even by post-pandemic standards, that's a lot. This avalanche of resources will be spent in a way that's regressive, will fail to relieve the worst financial distress, and will actually aggravate the underlying problem of tuition inflation.

The administration says that almost 90% of the debt-cancellation benefits will go to borrowers earning less than \$75,000. Even if current income were the right benchmark, one might ask why the income ceiling for forgiveness was set at \$125,000 (for individual taxpayers), not \$75,000 or \$50,000. But in fact this measure makes no sense. Graduates in their 20s earning between \$75,000 and \$125,000 are doing well and heading for the top deciles of the income distribution. Future doctors and lawyers might be making nothing at that point. This doesn't mean they're poor. Measured by likely lifetime earnings — or by wealth including human capital — they can afford to be in debt.

Far too many Americans are indeed struggling with insupportable student loans. But forgiving \$10,000, or \$20,000 in the case of Pell Grant recipients, makes no more than a dent in their problem. Perhaps the administration would agree, pointing to its new and more generous "income-driven repayment" plan (details, again, to follow). But who will be eligible, and how many

will enroll? For every debtor in a current IDR plan, two more are eligible but not enrolled — a tribute to the schemes' arcane administrative demands. In practice, the new IDR plan might be as irrelevant to the needs of the most distressed as the promised deluge of write-offs.

In short, Biden's \$500 billion, spread across some 40 million borrowers who mostly don't need the money, will do little to help those in real trouble. And for the economy as a whole, the plan will increase demand as the Federal Reserve struggles to control inflation. The administration says the effect of forgiveness on demand will be offset by the promised resumption of debt payments next year. It won't. Forgiveness, unlike suspended payments, delivers a permanent increase in spending power. Other things being equal, the result will be higher interest rates and/or higher taxes and/or lower public spending in the future.

So why do Biden's experts think all this is good politics? Their reasoning might be that it will delight the beneficiaries, while voters at large will be impressed by the scale of the achievement and unconcerned about the longer-term effects. Therefore, expect a net boost in the Democrats' popularity. That's half a trillion dollars well spent.

Maybe, but it's far from certain. The Democrats have been enjoying a revival of late — an upturn based on an apparent return to pragmatic moderation (the Inflation Reduction Act) alongside reminders of Republican extremism (the response to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the never-ending theatrics surrounding former President Donald Trump).

The student-debt plan upsets this framing. First, the claim that the Democrats are doing all they can to get on top on inflation now appears absurd. Second, the plan seems anything but moderate: It's a win for progressives over Democratic centrists

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and looks divisive.

The U.S. is fighting a culture war that, as many Democrats see it, pits the educated and enlightened against a MAGA-loving rabble. Both camps have decided that the enemy cannot be reasoned with, only crushed. Their votes are decided, whatever happens. But swing voters will also have a say in November — and many of them still wish to see this divide mended, not deepened. The student-debt plan laughs at that idea. It might have been designed to reward one side at the expense of the other.

Moderates will also regret that the plan is unfair in another way: It fails the test of horizontal equity, which requires that people whose circumstances are alike in relevant respects are treated the same. Picture two recent graduates, working similar jobs for the same pay. One worked her way through college to avoid getting into debt; the other borrowed to have an easier time. The plan gives the first nothing; it gives the second \$20,000. Not only is that unjust, it also makes the more frugal student look a fool.

People are especially sensitive to this kind of unfairness. Biden's historic debt-cancellation plan might do as much damage to the body politic as to the economy.

Forgiving student debts is a bad idea — just ask India

The United States government will find out soon enough what "moral hazard" means. Clearly it does not know already, or President Joe Biden would not have announced earlier this week that his administration would forgive U.S. student debt worth around 1.6% of GDP.

It's natural to ask, as critics have, whether the new policy is fair. Should regular taxpayers subsidize those who went to college — who, after all, have above average human capital and earning potential? Should those who have already paid back their loans subsidize those who have not?

The real question, however, isn't whether the policy is equitable. It's what kind of choices such sweeping loan forgiveness will incentivize among borrowers and political leaders.

The answer: bad ones. There are enough examples from across the world to make clear that loan cancellations for political reasons are almost always costly and counter-productive.

India, for example, has repeatedly waived loan repayments for many of its small and marginal farmers. While college graduates in the U.S. might be in the top 1% globally, marginal Indian farmers certainly are not; they number among the poorest people in the world. Purely on the basis of fairness and justice, it's hard to argue against bailing out those of them burdened by heavy debts.

But the consequence of loan waivers, as they are called in India, have not been at all positive for farmers. Economists have noted that the waivers have encouraged farmers to take on more credit than is justified by their productivity, saddling them with more debt. This cycle of forgiveness and indebtedness reduces the overall flow of agricultural credit, while privileging the minority of borrowers willing and able to game the system. Over the years, multiple cycles of debt forgiveness have not improved household savings, investment or credit flow.

Nor have the loan waivers necessarily even reached the poorest farmers. Those who need help most are the ones least likely to be able to navigate the red tape required to prove their bona fides. In India the programs have wound up helping wealthier landowners and institutions. That should give the Biden administration, which has touted the fact that its own program will be means-tested, pause.

The politics of debt relief is also deeply damaging. State governments in India heading into elections announce loan cancellations often and World Bank economist Martin Kanz has found, unsurprisingly, that voters "strongly reward" candidates affiliated with whichever party or coalition enacted the bailout.

In other words, once you announce a loan waiver program, the incentives of borrowers and politicians change to make both future defaults and future forgiveness more likely. In the U.S., it's entirely likely that future administrations will succumb to demands to extend bailouts to those with private loans, for example, or to raise the cap to something more like

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\$50,000 per person.

The long-term implications of such generosity could be dire. Even if Larry Summers is wrong and this particular round of debt forgiveness in the U.S. isn't too inflationary, a structural change towards debt forgiveness by the federal government would have major negative implications for the deficit and debt. That's certainly been the case in most places that loan waivers have been tried.

The U.S. debate on financing higher education is oddly disconnected from the evidence that emerges from elsewhere in the world. If U.S. voters decide that college should not be a luxury or seen as a rational investment in a particular career, then the government should just make college free rather than having periodic student loan bailouts. Several European countries have free college, after all.

Even that might not lead to more equitable outcomes, however. In fact, a 2017 report from the Brookings Institution found that following the end of free college in England a decade ago, "after many years of widening inequality, socioeconomic gaps in college attainment appear to have stabilized or slightly declined."

Most Americans probably still think that college is an investment in the future. If so, as with any investment, incentives for both borrowers and lenders need to be properly structured. Writing off loans is bad policy and a terrible precedent — and one uninformed by both theory and global practice.

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good reason, many Ukrainians and their supporters find it hard to imagine today what concessions Ukraine can live with that would bring Russia to the table. Rewarding Russia's aggression with land concessions sets a dangerous precedent, and Zelenskyy can hardly in good conscience condemn Ukrainian civilians to live under the kind of treatment Russia has meted out to those trapped in territory it has occupied since February. One must only look toward cities like Bucha and Mariupol to understand why.

But the leverage Ukraine now has over Crimea might be changing the terms available to Ukraine for negotiation.

What a specific deal might ultimately look like remains unclear, but finding that deal and shaping its terms are Ukraine's best bet for ending Russia's assault on its people.

A diplomatic solution is far from guaranteed in the near term, but Ukraine must not close the door to it and its military strategy must keep this in mind. Holding that door open is a small but necessary price to pay, particularly when the price of protracted war is already so high.

Business

Moderna sues Pfizer, BioNTech over COVID-19 vaccine patents

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COVID-19 vaccine maker Moderna is suing Pfizer and the German drugmaker BioNTech, accusing its main competitors of copying Moderna's technology in order to make their own vaccine.

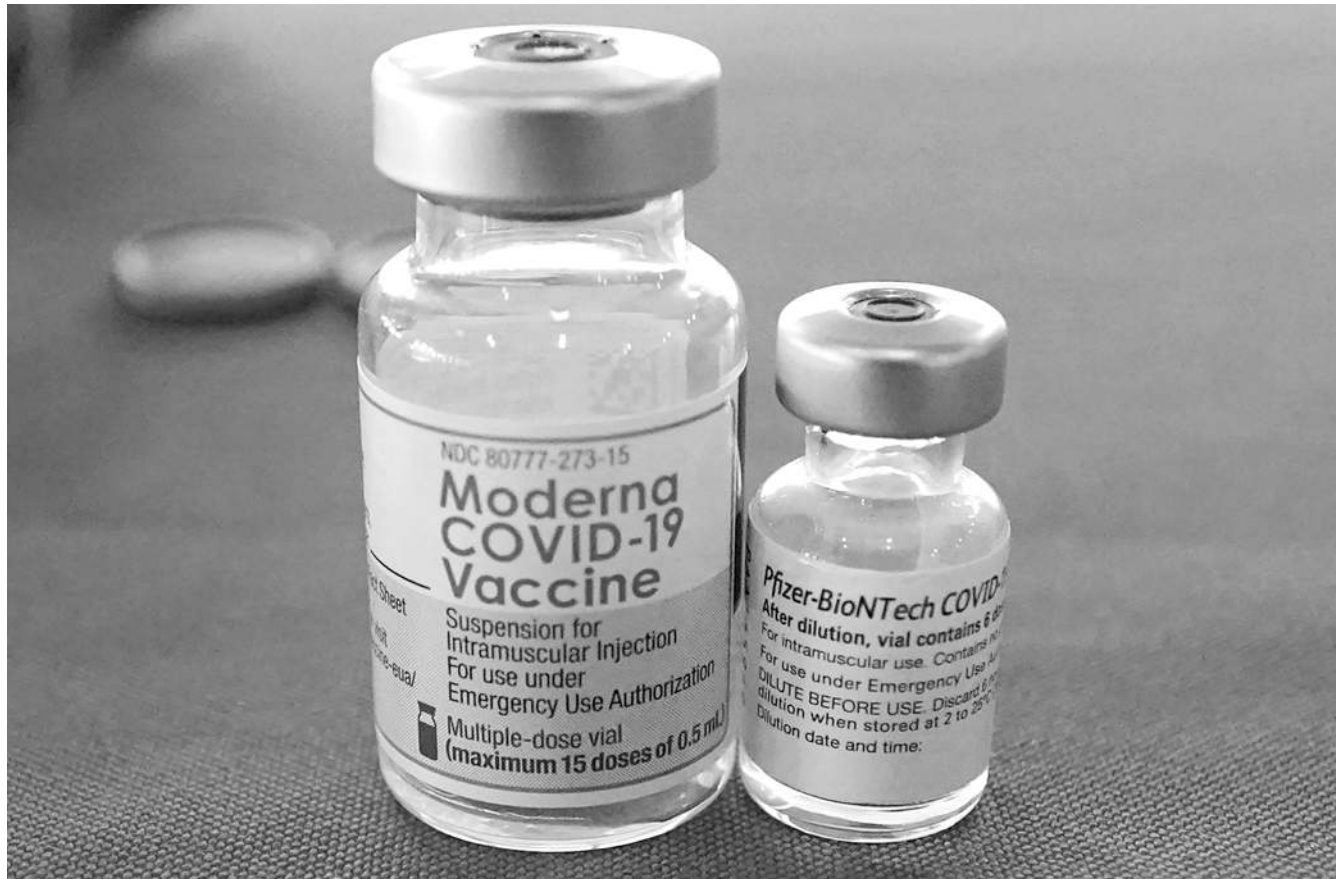
Moderna said Friday that Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine Comirnaty infringes on patents Moderna filed several years ago protecting the technology behind its preventive shot, Spikevax. The company filed patent infringement lawsuits in both U.S. federal court and a German court.

Pfizer spokeswoman Pam Eisele said the company had not fully reviewed Moderna's lawsuit, but the drugmaker was surprised by it, given that their vaccine is based on proprietary technology developed by both BioNTech and Pfizer.

She said in an email that Pfizer Inc., based in New York, would "vigorously defend" against any allegations in the case. BioNTech said in a statement late Friday that its work was "original" and that it too would defend itself.

Moderna and Pfizer's two-shot vaccines both use mRNA technology to help people fight the coronavirus.

"When COVID-19 emerged, neither Pfizer nor BioNTech had Moderna's



This Sept. 21, 2021 file photo shows vials of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines in Jackson, Miss.

AP

level of experience with developing mRNA vaccines for coronaviruses," Moderna said in a complaint filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The mRNA vaccines work by injecting a genetic code for the spike protein that coats the surface of the coronavirus. That code, the mRNA, is encased in a little ball of fat, and instructs

the body's cells to make some harmless spike copies that train the immune system to recognize the real virus.

That approach is radically different than how vaccines have traditionally been made.

Moderna said it started developing its mRNA technology platform in 2010, and that helped the company quickly produce its COVID-19 vac-

cine after the pandemic arrived in early 2020.

By the end of that year, U.S. regulators had cleared shots from both Pfizer and Moderna for use after clinical research showed that both were highly effective.

Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel said in a prepared statement that the vaccine developer pioneered that technology and invested billions of dollars in creating it.

Moderna worked with scientists at the National Institutes of Health to test and de-

velop its COVID-19 vaccine. The company said its lawsuit is not related to any patent rights generated during that collaboration.

The company said it believes its rivals' vaccine infringes on patents Moderna filed between 2010 and 2016.

Moderna said in its complaint that Pfizer and BioNTech copied some critical features of its technology, including making the "exact same chemical modification to their mRNA that Moderna

scientists first developed years earlier" and went on to use in Spikevax.

Moderna said it recognizes the importance of vaccine access and is not seeking to remove Comirnaty from the market. It also is not asking for an injunction to prevent future sales.

Moderna said in 2020 that it would not enforce its COVID-19 related patents while the pandemic continued. But the company said in March, with vaccine supplies improving globally, that it would update that pledge.

It said it still would not enforce its patents for vaccines used in low- and middle-income countries. But it expected companies like Pfizer and BioNTech to respect its intellectual property, and it would consider "a commercially reasonable license" in other markets if they requested one.

"Pfizer and BioNTech have failed to do so," Moderna said in a statement.

The vaccines have swiftly become top-selling products globally.

Pfizer's Comirnaty brought in more than \$36 billion in sales globally last year, and analysts expect it to bring in nearly \$33 billion this year, according to FactSet.

Moderna Inc. booked \$17.6 billion in revenue from its vaccine last year. Analysts project more than \$21 billion in 2022. Spikevax is Moderna's only product on the market, but it is developing other vaccines using the mRNA technology.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Facebook parent settles suit in Cambridge Analytica scandal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Facebook's corporate parent has reached a tentative settlement in a lawsuit alleging the world's largest social network service allowed millions of its users' personal information to be fed to Cambridge Analytica, a firm that supported Donald Trump's victorious presidential campaign in 2016. Terms of the settlement reached by Meta Platforms, the holding company for Facebook and Instagram, weren't disclosed in court documents filed late Friday. The filing in San Francisco federal court requested a 60-day stay of the action while lawyers finalize the settlement. That timeline suggested further details could be disclosed by late October. The accord was reached just a few weeks before a Sept. 20 deadline for Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his long-time chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, to submit to depositions during the final phases of pre-trial evidence gathering, according to court documents.

Garbage piles in Scotland raise health concerns amid strikes

LONDON (AP)—Stinking piles of garbage on the streets of Edinburgh are threatening the health and safety of the public, a health authority warned Saturday as strikes by garbage collectors in the Scottish capital moved into their ninth day. The warning from Public Health Scotland came as garbage collectors in

Newham, a borough of London, also walked out for a week over a pay dispute. Images of food waste and diapers rotting on the streets is just adding to scenes of chaos in U.K. as industrial disputes multiply amid soaring food and energy costs. Bathers in the U.K. were warned last week to stay away from dozens of beaches as heavy rain flushed raw sewage into rivers and seas.

US, China reach deal in dispute over Chinese company audits

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. and China have reached a tentative agreement to allow U.S. regulators to inspect the audits of Chinese companies whose stocks are traded on U.S. exchanges. In a long-festering dispute, U.S. regulators have threatened to boot a number of Chinese companies off the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq if China doesn't permit inspections. The deal announced Friday by market regulators in the U.S. and China is preliminary. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Gary Gensler said, "The proof will be in the pudding." "While important, this framework is merely a step in the process," Gensler said in a prepared statement. "This agreement will be meaningful only if (U.S. regulators) actually can inspect and investigate completely audit firms in China. If (they) cannot, roughly 200 China-based issuers will face prohibitions on trading of their securities in the U.S. if they continue to use those audit firms."

CA weighs rules giving fast food workers more power

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

(AP)—Since she came to California from Mexico 24 years ago, Maria Bernal has been supporting her family by often working two jobs at fast food restaurants.

But she says she wound up living in a small Kia with her two youngest children, then ages 3 and 15, for six months after she lost her housing in 2019 when one of her employers began paying her minimum wage for eight hours even when she worked a 16-hour double shift.

Union organizers and other advocates say such wage theft and other exploitation is common in the fast food industry, particularly for women and racial minorities who make up many of California's more than half-million fast food workers. The industry denies such abuses are widespread.

Bernal and more than 100 others who recently rallied outside the state Capitol

are pinning their hopes on groundbreaking legislation that would give fast food workers increased power and protections.

The proposal awaiting final action before the California Legislature adjourns Wednesday would create a new Fast Food Council made up of four workers' delegates alongside four employers' representatives and two state officials that would set minimum standards for wages, hours and working conditions in California.

Bernal said she hopes the council would give workers like herself "a seat at the table where they will respect us more and not allow wage theft to happen, and also importantly that we won't be afraid of retaliation."

Restaurant owners and franchisers say the proposal would drive up the price of fast food. They cite an analysis they commissioned by the UC Riverside Center for Economic Forecast and Development

that puts the price increase at 7% to 20%.

A late wage cap added to the bill would keep the increase on the low end of that range. Late amendments limit any minimum wage bump to \$22 an hour next year, with cost of living increases thereafter, while the statewide minimum will be \$15.50 an hour.

Other late amendments mean the council would also have to be approved by a petition signed by 10,000 fast food workers, and the council would now disappear after six years unless it is renewed.

Matthew Haller, president & CEO of the International Franchise Association, dismissed the last-minute revisions as "an attempt to put lipstick on a pig."

An earlier version cleared the Assembly in January with no votes to spare after falling short last year, and the revised bill is awaiting consideration in the Senate.

Nation

FBI: Trump mixed top secret docs with magazines, other items

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fourteen of the 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate early this year contained classified documents, many of them top secret, mixed in with miscellaneous newspapers, magazines and personal correspondence, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday.

No space at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate was authorized for the storage of classified material, according to the court papers, which laid out the FBI's rationale for searching the property this month, including "probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found."

The 32-page affidavit — heavily redacted to protect the safety of witnesses and law enforcement officials and "the integrity of the ongoing investigation" — offers the most detailed description to date of the government records being stored at Mar-a-Lago long after Trump left the White House. It also reveals the gravity of the government's concerns that the documents were there illegally.

The document makes clear how the haphazard retention of top secret government records, and the apparent failure to safeguard them despite months of entreaties from U.S. officials, has exposed Trump to fresh legal peril just as he lays the groundwork for another potential presidential run in 2024.

"The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unau-



Journalists gather outside the Paul S. Rogers Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach, Fla., to read a heavily blackout document released by The Justice Department Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.

thorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records," an FBI agent wrote on the first page of the affidavit.

Documents previously made public show that federal agents are investigating potential violations of multiple federal laws, including one that governs gathering, transmitting or losing defense information under the Espionage Act. The other statutes address the concealment, mutilation or removal of records and the destruction, alteration or falsification of records in federal investigations.

Trump has long insisted, de-

spite clear evidence to the contrary, that he fully cooperated with government officials. And he has rallied Republicans behind him by painting the search as a politically motivated witch hunt intended to damage his reelection prospects. He repeated that refrain on his social media site Friday, saying he and his representatives had had a close working relationship with the FBI and "GAVE THEM MUCH."

His attorneys late Friday repeated their request for the appointment of an independent special master to review the documents taken from the

home, saying the redacted affidavit doesn't give Trump sufficient information about why the search took place or what materials were removed.

The affidavit does not provide new details about 11 sets of classified records recovered during the Aug. 8 search at Mar-a-Lago but instead concerns a separate batch of 15 boxes that the National Archives and Records Administration retrieved from the home in January. The Archives sent the matter to the Justice Department, indicating in its referral that a review showed "a lot" of classified

materials, the affidavit says.

The affidavit made the case to a judge that a search of Mar-a-Lago was necessary due to the highly sensitive material found in those 15 boxes. Of 184 documents with classification markings, 25 were at the top secret level, the affidavit says. Some had special markings suggesting they included information from highly sensitive human sources or the collection of electronic

"signals" authorized by a special intelligence court.

And some of those classified records were mixed with other documents, including newspapers, magazines and miscellaneous print-outs, the affidavit says, citing a letter from the Archives.

Douglas London, a former senior CIA officer and author of "The Recruiter," said this showed Trump's lack of respect for controls. "One of the rules of classified is you don't mix classified and unclassified so there's no mistakes or accidents," he said.

The affidavit shows how agents were authorized to search a large swath of Mar-a-Lago, including Trump's official post-presidential "45 Office," storage rooms and all other areas in which boxes or documents could be stored. They did not propose searching areas of the property used or rented by Mar-a-Lago members, such as private guest suites.

The FBI submitted the affidavit, or sworn statement, to a judge so it could obtain the warrant to search Trump's property. Affidavits typically contain vital information about an investigation, with agents spelling out the justification for why they want to search a particular location and why they believe they're likely to find evidence of a potential crime there.

Police video of fatal encounter shows lack of de-escalation

By ANDREW SELSKY
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A caller to 911 in Salt Lake City said a man had come into a brewery in his underwear, tried to steal beer and was running around in the street, posing a danger to himself and to drivers. Police tried to detain the man. Soon, Nykon Brandon was dead.

After the Salt Lake City Police Department on Friday released body-camera footage of the Aug. 14 fatal encounter and the 911 recording, activists on Saturday were asking why an unarmed person wound up dead and were accusing police of using disproportionate force.

"Stealing a beer does not equate to the death penalty," said Lex Scott, founder of Black Lives Matter-Utah. "I don't care if this man robbed 10 banks in one day. He didn't

deserve to die. He deserved to make it to court."

The death of Brandon, who was 35, comes as the United States is still seeing uncounted numbers of police killings of unarmed people, many of whom were suffering a mental health crisis. Activists have called for reforms, saying rather than armed police who can often escalate situations, a better solution would be for special mental health crisis teams to respond.

Brandon's Facebook page says he'd attended Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and worked for a firm that sells appliances, plumbing and hardware. Many people who posted on his page expressed shock and grief over his death.

The 911 caller said a man had come to Fisher Brewing, attacked a person at the door

and was "running around crazy. Very erratic. He just jumped in and out of the road."

"Definitely mental health issues," the caller said. "So if you've got mental health resources, send them out."

Instead, bodycam footage shows a police officer get out of his patrol car and order Brandon to stop. When he resists and puts up a fist and appears to reach for the officer's holstered pistol, another officer pushes Brandon to the ground and the two officers try to pin him down. "Stop," one of the officers says repeatedly as Brandon is on a gravel bed between the road and the sidewalk and continuing to push against the officers.

No de-escalation attempts by the police are visible or audible in the footage from nine body-worn cameras, even though an executive order

signed by Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall two years ago requires all Salt Lake City Police Department officers to use de-escalation techniques before using force.

"De-escalation tactics are no longer suggested or preferred — they are mandatory prior to using force to effect an arrest unless it would be unreasonable to do so," Mendenhall said in announcing the police reforms, which were prompted in part by the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police in 2020.

Salt Lake City Police Department spokesperson Brent Weisberg said of the Aug. 14 incident: "As the body-worn camera video shows, this is a situation that rapidly unfolded. It was a chaotic situation and our officers were required to make very fast decisions to get a situation under control that was very tense."

Biden calls abortion restrictions 'beyond the pale'

WASHINGTON (AP)—As Republican-led states continue to ban nearly all abortions, President Joe Biden said Friday that such restrictions were "beyond the pale."

Biden and Democrats are trying to harness outrage over the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion nationwide, in this year's midterm elections.

"You're going to hear women roar on this issue, and it's going to be consequential," he said.

Biden made the comments at a White House meeting of state and local officials to talk about ways to expand access to abortion and to mark Women's Equality Day.

Biden reiterated his desire for Congress to codify Roe v. Wade into law, but "we're short a handful of votes," he said.

Democrats would need 10 Republican votes to overcome a filibuster and get a bill through the 50-50 Sen-

ate, but only two GOP senators have publicly backed abortion rights. And even though they narrowly control the Senate, Democrats don't have enough votes to sidestep the filibuster.

"The only way it's going to happen if the American people make it happen in November," Biden said.

In the meantime, Biden has been looking for ways to protect abortion access. But his options are limited.

Idaho, Tennessee and Texas are the latest Republican-led states to tighten their restrictions. They've been implementing so-called "trigger laws" that were put on the books to severely limit abortions if Roe was overturned, which happened in June.

Lina Hidalgo, the county judge from Harris County, Texas, called her state's law a "slap in the face."

"I think you speak for the majority of the American people," Biden responded.

Asia

‘China, Russia disrupting, threatening world order’

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan’s leader on Friday said China and Russia are “disrupting and threatening the world order” with Beijing’s recent large-scale military exercises near the island and Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine.

President Tsai Ing-wen was speaking during a meeting in Taipei with U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn, who is on the second visit by members of Congress since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s trip earlier this month. That visit prompted China to launch military exercises in which it fired numerous missiles and sent dozens of warplanes and naval ships to virtually surround the island. Some ships crossed the center line in the Taiwan Strait that has long been a buffer between the sides.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory, to be brought under its control by force if necessary. Beijing has also boosted its relations with Russia and is seen as tacitly supporting Moscow’s attack on Ukraine.

“These developments demonstrate how authoritarian countries are disrupting and threatening the world order,” Tsai said.

Blackburn, a Republican from Tennessee, reaffirmed

shared values between the two governments and said she “looked forward to continuing to support Taiwan as they push forward as an independent nation.”

In later remarks at the Foreign Ministry’s Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs, Blackburn criticized leaders she did not identify for failing to take the threat from authoritarian regimes seriously enough.

Xi Jinping, China’s president and leader of the ruling Communist Party, “will not stop threatening the safety and security of Taiwan simply because it would be in everyone’s best interest to do so,” she said. “He is not a normal leader. And he has no interest in normal reactions or normal relations with the rest of the world.”

In Beijing, China’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement it deplores Blackburn’s visit and urges her to cease all forms of official communication with Taiwan, saying it sends the wrong signal to Taiwan independence forces.

China sees high-level foreign visits to Taiwan as interference in its affairs and a de facto recognition of Taiwanese sovereignty. China’s recent military drills were seen

by some as a rehearsal of future military action against the island, which U.S. military leaders say could come within the next few years.

Along with staging the exercises, China cut off contacts with the United States on vital issues, including military matters and crucial climate cooperation, raising concerns over a more aggressive approach by Beijing. It also called in U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns to formally complain. He later said China was overreacting in order to manufacture a crisis.

Due to the separation of powers in the U.S. government, the executive branch has no authority to prevent legislators from making such foreign visits and Taiwan benefits from strong bipartisan support in Washington. China, where the Communist Party wields total control over the country’s politics, refuses to acknowledge that fundamental principle.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel said members of Congress and elected officials “have gone to Taiwan for decades and will continue to do so,” and that it was in line with U.S. policy to only maintain formal diplomatic ties with Beijing.

people have signed a petition requesting prosecutorial leniency for Yamagami, who told police that he killed Abe, one of Japan’s most powerful and divisive politicians, because of his ties to an unnamed religious group widely believed to be the Unification Church.

More than 80 people rescued from PH ferry fire

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine coast guard personnel and volunteers have rescued more than 80 passengers and crew of an inter-island ferry that caught fire as it approached a port south of Manila, prompting many to jump into the water as flames spread fast in windy weather, officials said Saturday. Only two passengers are unaccounted for and authorities are checking if the two are missing or had been rescued but immediately went home without notifying officials who led the search efforts Friday, the coast guard said. The M/V Asia Philippines was

listed as carrying 49 passengers and 38 crewmembers. The ferry, which came from Calapan city in Oriental Mindoro province, was more than a kilometer (about a mile) away from the Batangas port, when smoke emerged from the second deck followed by flames, according to one of the rescued passengers.

Protests in India against release of 11 convicted rapists

NEW DELHI (AP)—Hundreds of people on Saturday held demonstrations in several parts of India to protest a recent government decision to free 11 men who had been jailed for life for gang raping a Muslim woman during India’s devastating 2002 religious riots. The protesters in the country’s capital, New Delhi, chanted slogans and demanded the government in the western state of Gujarat rescind the decision. They also sang songs in solidarity with the victim. Similar protests were also held in several other states.

World

Ukraine and Russia trade more blame on threats to nuclear plant



A view of a crater from a night Russian rocket attack, near to damaged buildings in downtown Kharkiv, Ukraine, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022. AP

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Fears about the potential for a radiation leak at Europe’s largest nuclear power plant persisted Saturday as both sides traded blame for nearby shelling. Ukraine said Russian forces fired on areas just across the river from the plant and Russia claimed Ukrainian shells hit a building where nuclear fuel is stored.

Authorities were distributing iodine tablets to residents who live near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in case of radiation exposure, which can cause health problems.

Much of the concern centers on the cooling systems for the plant’s nuclear reactors. The systems require power to run, and the plant was temporarily knocked offline Thursday because of what officials said was fire damage to a transmission line. A cooling system failure could cause a nuclear

meltdown.

Russian forces occupied the nuclear plant complex early in the 6-month-old war, but local Ukrainian workers have kept it running. The Ukrainian and Russian governments have repeatedly accused the other of shelling the complex and nearby areas, raising fears of a possible catastrophe.

Periodic shelling has damaged the power station’s infrastructure, Ukraine’s nuclear power operator, Energoatom, said Saturday. “There are risks of hydrogen leakage and sputtering of radioactive substances, and the fire hazard is high,” it said.

The governor of Ukraine’s Dnipropetrovsk region, Valentyn Reznichenko, said Saturday that Russian Grad missiles and artillery shells hit the cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, each located 10 kilometers (6 miles) across the

Dnieper River from the plant.

But Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said Ukrainian forces had fired on the plant from Marhanets. Over the past day, 17 Ukrainian shells hit the plant, with four striking the roof of a building that stores nuclear fuel, he said.

It was not immediately possible to verify either account.

The U.N.’s atomic energy agency has tried to work out an agreement to send a team in to inspect and help secure the plant. Officials said preparations for the visit were underway, but it remained unclear when it might take place.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said it was essential for International Atomic Energy Agency representatives to get to the plant as soon as possible and to help keep it “under permanent Ukrainian control.”

Pope expands ranks of cardinals who’ll likely pick successor

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis elevated 20 more churchmen to the rank of cardinal on Saturday, formally expanding those now eligible to vote for his successor in case he dies or resigns — the latter a step he has said he’d consider if the need arises.

Of the churchmen being named new cardinals in the consistory ceremony in St. Peter’s Basilica, 16 are younger than 80 and thus eligible to participate in a conclave — the ritual-shrouded, locked-door assembly of cardinals who cast paper ballots to elect a new pontiff.

The 85-year-old Fran-

cis has now named 83 of the 132 cardinals currently young enough to join a conclave. The others were appointed by the previous two popes, St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI, whose unexpected retirement in 2013 paved the way for Francis to be elected.

With the eight batches of cardinals Francis has named, prospects are boosted that whoever becomes the next pontiff will share his vision for the future of the church.

Francis reminded the cardinals of their mission, which he said includes “an openness to all peoples, to the horizons of the world, to the peripher-

ies as yet unknown.”

Underlining Francis’ attention to those on society’s margins, among the new cardinals is Archbishop Anthony Poola of Hyderabad, India. The prelate, 60, is the first member of the Dalit community, considered the lowest rung of India’s caste system, to become a cardinal.

One by one, the newest cardinals, whose red cassocks and headgear symbolizes the blood they must be prepared to shed if necessary in their mission, knelt before Francis, who placed on their head the prestigious biretta, as the three-peaked hat is known.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Abe murder suspect says life destroyed by mother’s religion

TOKYO (AP)—The brazen assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with a handmade gun shocked a nation unused to high-profile political violence. But there has been another surprise in the weeks since the murder as details have emerged about an alleged assassin who was well-off until his mother’s huge donations to the controversial Unification Church left him poor, neglected and filled with rage. Some Japanese have expressed understanding, even sympathy, for the 41-year-old suspect, especially those of a similar age who may feel pangs of recognition linked to their own suffering during three decades of economic malaise and social turmoil. There have been suggestions on social media that care packages should be sent to suspect Tetsuya Yamagami’s detention center to cheer him up. And more than 7,000

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ST. PAUL, Minn.—As St. Paul firefighters stood facing retired Deputy Fire Chief Tom McDonough, he told them how important their support is for him and his family. Wednesday marked two years since the death of his son, firefighter Tommy McDonough.

“It means so much to us that the department hasn’t forgotten,” McDonough said, his voice emotional as firefighters nodded their heads. “And you not only haven’t forgotten, but you’re moving forward — all the type of things that would help prevent this from happening to somebody ... again.”

They were gathered for the McDonough Memorial Workout of the Day, “The Tommy,” which was designed to remember the fallen firefighter, and to bring awareness to the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on first responders and to suicide prevention. McDonough, 28, died by suicide.

The Tommy workout is in the tradition of CrossFit hero and memorial workouts to honor military members who died in the line of duty.

The younger McDonough had dreamed of becoming a firefighter. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve and was an on-call firefighter in St. Paul Park, Cottage Grove and Somerset, Wis. He joined the St. Paul fire department in 2015, working at Station 9 on Maryland Avenue near Hazelwood Street.

“He was known for his big, infectious smile, willingness to help, and dedication to the job,” the fire department wrote in a

flyer about Wednesday’s event outside the Conway Recreation Center. “The emotional trauma of the job over time began to affect him and he struggled with his mental health.”

The elder McDonough, who retired the year before his son died, was focused on mental health for all firefighters during his career. He applied for a grant, which the department received, that provided training for firefighters to lead a peer support group. He previously said he encouraged Tommy to attend the group.

REMEMBERING TOMMY

The St. Paul fire department’s peer fitness team promotes physical and mental health, and they decided to develop workouts of the day to memorialize four of the department’s own firefighters, including those who died from cancer, a heart attack and suicide, said firefighter Bryan Buxton.

The three health problems most commonly experienced by those in the fire service are cardiac, emotional trauma and cancer, according to the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative.

The workout for Tommy McDonough was the first in the series and the peer fitness team is planning to hold them annually. In addition to firefighters, community members who belong to local gyms came out to participate Wednesday.

“I wanted to remember Tommy, especially 50 years from now when everyone on the fire department doesn’t know who Tommy was, this is a way to honor him every year,” said Capt. Kyle Bode, the fire department’s health and



St. Paul firefighter Thomas Hilpisch, right, does sandbag squats in full firefighter kit, along with EMS Academy cadet Emily Christian, left, during the Tommy McDonough memorial workout at the Conway Recreation Center in St. Paul on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. The memorial workout aims to remember McDonough, a St. Paul firefighter who took his life in August 2020. TNS

wellness coordinator. “Then also, it’s a way of talking about mental health. Because it’s something that I think we’re getting better at, but we need to have the discussions to prevent something like this from happening again.”

The elements of the Tommy workout were what McDonough liked to do when he exercised — using a rowing machine and sandbags as weights — and the numbers represent dates that were significant in McDonough’s life. People taking part in Wednesday’s workouts used rowing

machines to reach 122 meters for his daughter’s birthday of 1/22, and there were five rounds with 21 reps of sandbags for McDonough’s son’s birthday of 5/21.

McDonough’s daughter, now 7, wore a shirt Wednesday that said, “Daddy is my hero.” His son, now 4, jogged with the first group as they warmed up. Trainers from six gyms led the workouts that started anew each hour.

Some firefighters wore their full turnout gear to make the workout tougher.

Mayor Melvin Carter joined

McDonough in speaking to the group assembled before the workouts began.

“Our firefighters, our first responders, our police officers — you guys are the ones who run in when everybody else is running out,” Carter said. “... You hold a lot of weight on your shoulders as our heroes that we all rely on. You see a lot, you experience a lot.”

Carter said he appreciates that firefighters take their physical health seriously and he urged them to take the same focus on their emotional health.

“The same as we have to ex-

ercise our physical muscles to carry these physical sandbags, my hope is that you invest just as heavily in your capacity to sustain all of the emotional and spiritual sandbags that you pick up on behalf of our entire city,” Carter said.

Watching all the people who came to remember Tommy McDonough was a sign of support to his family, said Ali Scanlon, McDonough’s significant other and the mother of his children.

“I just wish he realized how much everybody loved him before this happened,” she said.

A prescription for health on the yoga mat

By ANTA SOSTEK
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

PITTSBURGH—Dr. Natalie Gentile stands in an exercise studio in Pittsburgh’s Strip District, leading a workout class as soothing music plays and images of Pittsburgh flow on a massive screen.

“Inhale, up dog, tops of the feet flat,” she says, confidently shepherding the students through yoga poses and strength exercises. The class this month was part of a series of pop-up events promoting a wellness center that Gentile plans to open in Pittsburgh early next year.

The wellness center will be located in the same building as a new office of Gentile’s medical practice, Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh, representing the seamless connection that Gentile hopes to



Dr. Natalie Gentile demonstrates the “upward facing dog” pose Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, while leading a yoga class at Walk Run Lift Studio in the Strip District. TNS

draw between wellness and primary care medicine.

Often in primary care medicine, a doctor tells patients who are pre-diabetic or have other health risks that they need to make lifestyle changes, such as exercising more or eating more healthfully — and

that’s where it ends. Without more encouragement or tools, the patients often have difficulty following through, Gentile said.

“What I found myself doing with patients, I found myself getting on the floor with them doing planks, talking about

cooking tofu,” she said. “It was just how I practiced medicine.”

She plans to expand that in-office advice with the new wellness center. She is calling it Rebel Wellness, a nod to her complicated relationship with the “wellness” industry.

“I’ve been involved in the wellness industry knowing or not knowing it for the majority of my life — always into fitness, playing sports, diet, what we were eating in our home, what I should and should not be eating was always on my mind,” she said. “I struggled with disordered eating for many years.”

With her patients, she finds herself continually debunking myths about wellness. Some patients come to her with an all-or-nothing mentality about diet and exercise, she said, believing that if they are not

adhering to restrictive diets or highly regimented exercise routines, it’s not worth trying at all. Others come in with the attitude that their body is broken, looking for solutions in supplements and medications. And some just have the mentality that certain foods or certain body types are bad or shameful.

“We called it Rebel Wellness because it’s rebelling against the typical norm that we see in the wellness industry,” she said.

With the new studio, she hopes to spread that mindset not just to her patients but also to the community at large. In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, strength training and group fitness, Rebel Wellness also will have two seats in every class reserved for people who pay whatever they can afford — part of Gentile’s effort to remove barriers for people to access fitness. It also will host cooking and nutrition classes

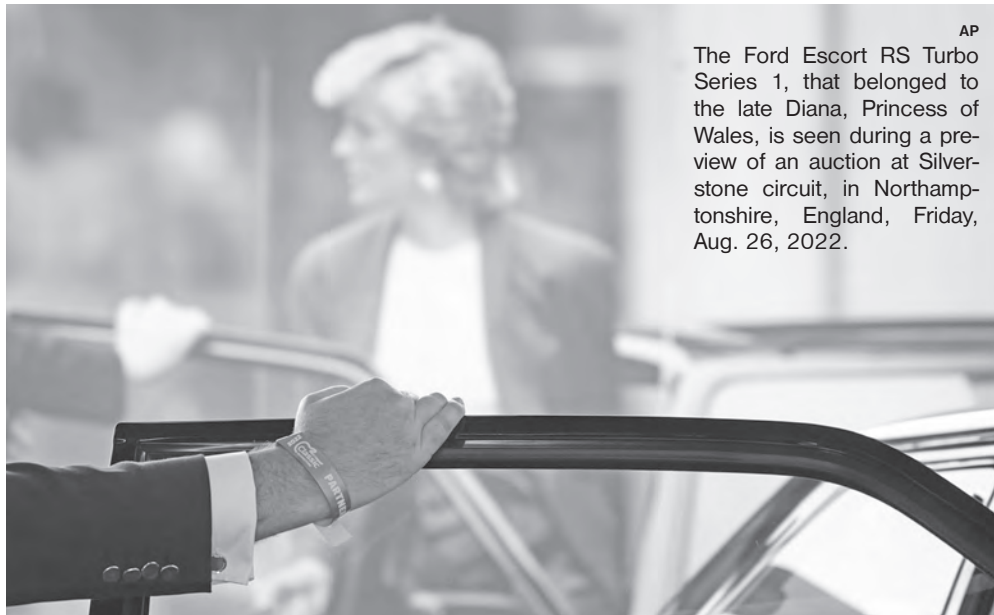
in a teaching kitchen and other workshops such as mindfulness groups. The facility will have offices for three different types of therapists, she said.

Gentile, who is board certified in lifestyle medicine and teaches at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, also will continue some of her efforts to expand access to wellness medicine. She leads the Highland Park chapter of “Walk with a Doc,” which meets at the Highland Park fountain the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. She also recently started a YouTube channel focused on plant-based food tips and recipes and at-home workouts.

She hopes all the medical wellness knowledge will culminate into Rebel Wellness. “I always thought I’d have a wellness center,” she said. “I wanted something that really got back to the basics of what I was teaching my patients and I wanted the space to do it.”

Life & Style

Diana's car auctioned as 25th anniversary of her death nears



AP
The Ford Escort RS Turbo Series 1, that belonged to the late Diana, Princess of Wales, is seen during a preview of an auction at Silverstone circuit, in Northamptonshire, England, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.

LONDON (AP)—A car driven by Princess Diana in the 1980s sold for 650,000 pounds (\$764,000) at auction Saturday, just days before the 25th anniversary of her death.

Silverstone Auctions said there was "fierce bidding" for the black Ford Escort RS Turbo before the sale closed. The U.K. buyer, whose name was not disclosed, paid a 12.5% buyer's premium on top of the selling price, according to the

classic car auction house.

Britain and Diana's admirers worldwide are preparing to mark a quarter century since her death. She died in a high-speed car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

Diana drove the Escort from 1985 to 1988. She was photographed with it outside boutique shops in Chelsea and restaurants in Kensington. She preferred to drive her own car, with a member of her security

team in the passenger seat.

The RS Turbo Series 1 was typically manufactured in white, but she got it in black to be more discreet. Ford also added features for her security, such as a second rear-view mirror for the protection officer.

The car has just under 25,000 miles on it.

Last year, another Ford Escort that Diana used sold at auction for 52,000 pounds (\$61,100).

Disturbance halts Wiz Khalifa concert in Indiana, 3 injured

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Rapper Wiz Khalifa cut short a concert in suburban Indianapolis as people began fleeing the outdoor venue, leaving three with minor injuries, following a disturbance, police said.

People started exiting the Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville about 10:30 p.m. Friday after a reported disturbance on part of the amphitheater's lawn, with some of them shouting about a possible shooting, The Indianapolis Star reported.

Police said in a news release early Saturday that no weapon was found following a sweep



AP
Wiz Khalifa arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

of the area at the venue about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of

Indianapolis.

The disturbance happened about 45 minutes into Wiz Khalifa's show that was part of the Vinyl Verse co-headlining tour with fellow rapper Logic, according to The Indianapolis Star. The music stopped and Wiz Khalifa and his band left the stage immediately.

Three people reported minor injuries and were taken to hospitals for treatment after concertgoers "self-evacuated" the amphitheater, where all exits were opened in accordance with the venue's emergency procedures, police said.

Prince Charles edits British Black newspaper 'The Voice'

LONDON (AP)—The Prince of Wales has edited an edition of British African-Caribbean newspaper "The Voice" to mark its 40-year anniversary.

Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, said he "was so touched" to be asked to edit the edition, which will feature interviews with movie star Idris Elba and Baroness Doreen Lawrence, the campaigning mother of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in a racist

attack in 1993.

Elba, the Black British actor who starred in "The Wire" and several Marvel movies, tells the weekly newspaper, due to be published on Sept. 1, that a grant from Charles' youth charity,

The Prince's Trust, at age 16 "opened doors that changed



Prince Charles

my life."

Baroness Lawrence will describe a new partnership between the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation and The Prince's Foundation, another charity, to provide applied arts scholarships for young people from diverse backgrounds affected by social and economic inequality.

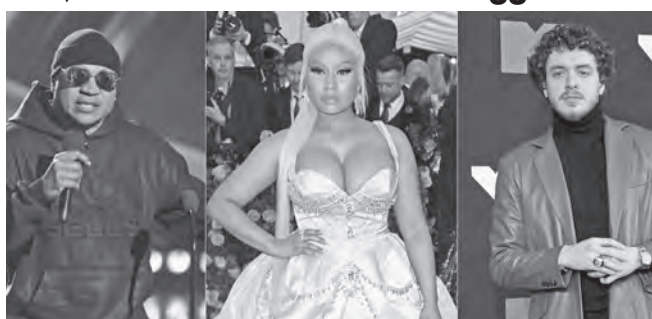
MTV VMAs ready to host, honor some of music's biggest acts

NEW YORK (AP)—The MTV Video Music Awards are back Sunday with some of the biggest names in music vying for the network's fabled Moon Person statue.

Lil Nas X, Jack Harlow and Kendrick Lamar are tied for leading nominees with seven apiece. Harlow and Lil Nas X's collaboration "Industry Baby" propelled their nominations, landing them in competition for artist of the year along with Drake, Bad Bunny, Ed Sheeran, Harry Styles and Lizzo.

Closely behind are Harry Styles and Doja Cat, who received six nominations apiece, while Sheeran, Billie Eilish, Drake, Dua Lipa, Tayler Swift and The Weeknd each have five.

Harlow is pulling double duty, joining LL Cool J and Nicki Minaj as the show's emcees. The VMAs are being held at the Prudential Center



AP
This combination of photos show LL Cool J hosting the iHeartRadio Music Awards in Los Angeles on March 22, 2022, left, Nicki Minaj at The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala in New York on May 6, 2019, center, and Jack Harlow at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York on Sept. 12, 2021.

in Newark, New Jersey, and will air beginning at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Minaj will perform hits from throughout her career and accept the show's video vanguard award, which MTV has said she's receiving for her artistry, barrier-breaking hip-hop and status as a global superstar. The honor is named after Michael Jackson.

Eminem, Snoop Dogg, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Bad Bunny are also set to perform.

Madonna, who is the most awarded artist in MTV history with 20 wins, becomes the only artist to receive a nomination in each of the VMAs five decades. She earned her 69th nomination for her 14th studio album "Madame X."

Girlfriend worries about man's possible offspring

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I met and started dating 10 years ago. After about four years, during a very turbulent and toxic time in our relationship, I found out I was pregnant. When I told him, his response was very cold, and we separated. I terminated the pregnancy, as my life was in shambles and I had no way to even carry a child to term.

We reconciled after a year and now have a happy family with our son and another on the way. A woman he had been seeing during that time became pregnant, and her son looks identical to my boyfriend's childhood pictures. I have never talked to him about this. But I find it very painful to think that one day my children and the child of the woman will learn of each other through ancestry testing or some other way.

Should I speak with him about my suspicion and fear of the pain for our children? Should I consult a therapist to try to cope with this fear before addressing him or try to move past it on my own?

FEARING THE FUTURE

DEAR FEARING: Discuss this with your boyfriend privately, at a time when you are both calm and relaxed. If you feel you need the emotional support of a therapist in order to work up the courage to do that, by all means do so. Because of DNA testing, the scenario about which you're concerned may very well happen, so it's wise to be prepared

in advance. But please don't worry about causing your children "pain." If they aren't made aware of the other child, their reaction is more likely to be one of surprise. Because DNA "reunions" are becoming more common, it's less of a scandal than it was years ago.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has terrible oral hygiene. He brushes his teeth at night before going to bed but won't brush them in the morning. It's disgusting. About a year ago, he chipped a front tooth. I have asked him over and over to please get it taken care of. My requests are being ignored. The damage has now become much worse and it's really noticeable. It doesn't bother him. Nice teeth have always been important to me. When I try to talk to him about it, he walks away. It's to the point that I no longer want to go anywhere with him because it's embarrassing. We have an event to go to soon and I'm dreading it.

This may seem trivial, but I see the dentist on a regular basis and he hasn't gone in years. It isn't the money; he has no problem spending money on his toys. Please tell me how to handle this. It's causing some major issues between us. Am I asking for too much?

EMBARRASSED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR EMBARRASSED: People sometimes let their dental health lapse because they don't see what others do when they speak or smile. Your husband may have a fear of den-

DEAR ABBY

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tists, or think you are nagging him for the pleasure of it. If his damaged tooth is ignored much longer, he may wind up losing it.

You might be able to get your point across if you film him with your cellphone while he's speaking, laughing, etc., and show him what you and others have been seeing. (If that doesn't help, suggest that because of the upsurge in COVID variants, he wear a mask to the event.)

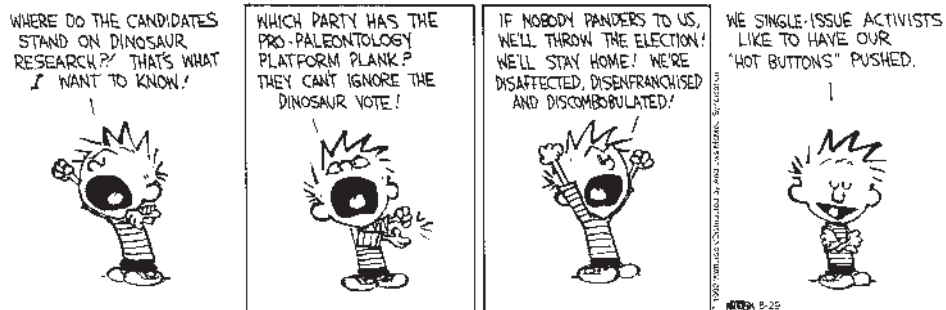
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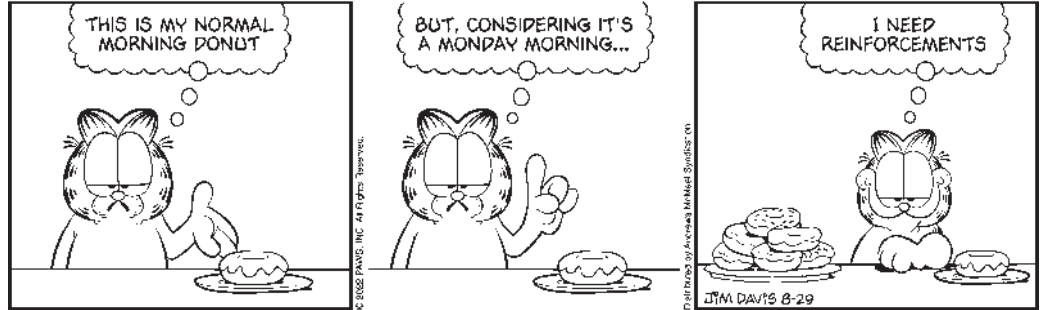
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lauren Collins, 36; Nicole Byer, 36; Carla Gugino, 51; Rebecca De Mornay, 64.

Happy Birthday: Pay attention to money matters. An aggressive approach to how you invest will help you gain financial freedom. Giving someone the right to decide will slow you down. Having a plan and the desire to control your destiny will give you the edge required to maintain stability and achieve personal success. Leave nothing to chance. Your numbers are 6, 13, 21, 24, 30, 32, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your heart and soul into whatever brings in the highest returns. An energetic approach will appeal to like-minded people and help you form healthy partnerships that offer success and opportunity. Go with the flow. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's up to you to bring about change if that's what you want. Don't fold or let anyone take advantage of you. Get enough rest to ensure you are up for whatever you want to pursue. Protect against injury and illness. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Participate in events that interest you, and you'll meet someone who encourages you to use your skills or something you enjoy doing to bring in extra cash. A high-energy approach to life, love and happiness will lead to rewards. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Choose your words carefully. A problem at home or work will surface if you overreact or take on more than you can handle. Be honest

about the way you feel and what you can do. A change someone initiates will cause concern. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your intelligence to determine who offers the most in return. Sidle up to those who see the value in your work and are trying to get similar results. Limit spending and don't risk your health or emotional well-being. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stand up for your beliefs, but don't get into an argument you cannot win. Go about your business and put your energy where it will help you most. Move away from disappointment and toward options that promise long-term benefits. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on what's important to you, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results. Take a leadership position if it brings the right combination of individuals together to achieve success. An emotional plea will prompt support. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be vocal and tell others how you feel and what you want. The more energy you put toward your goal, the easier it will be to convince others to participate. Delegate work that you don't have time to complete. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have more leverage than you realize. Speak up and promote your ideas. You will grow and get your thoughts moving in the right direction. A physical change you make will give you the strength and courage to trust and believe in yourself. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a step back, watch and listen. Knowledge is power, and giving others a chance to share it will encourage you to elaborate and convey how you see things turning out if you pull information from all your resources. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An energetic approach to whatever others want you to do will make you stand out and thrive when faced with competition. Let your wisdom and quick wit carry you to the finish line. Celebrating with a friend will lead to exciting ideas. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Help a cause or situation that concerns you without jeopardizing a meaningful relationship. Be open about what you intend to do, and you will get the help you need from someone you want to coordinate with in the future. ***

Birthday Baby: You are quick-witted, sensitive and proactive. You are disciplined and persistent.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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By Dave Green

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Thunder No. 2 pick Holmgren to miss season with foot injury

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Oklahoma City forward Chet Holmgren, the No. 2 pick in this year's NBA draft, will miss the 2022-23 season with a right foot injury.

The 7-footer was hurt while playing in a pro-am game last weekend in Seattle, near where he starred last season for Gonzaga, and the Thunder announced Thursday that he sustained a Lisfranc injury. Video appeared to show Holmgren was hurt on a play while defending a LeBron James drive to the basket on a fast break.

General manager Sam Presti said Holmgren will have surgery to repair the ruptured tendon on a date that hasn't been determined and he expects Holmgren to be ready for the 2023-24 season.

"Long-term prognosis is obviously very positive for this," Presti said. "We've consulted with three of the top foot specialists in the country. Everybody is in agreement that this is kind of like a wrong place, wrong time situation and he's going to make a full recovery."

His injury is a significant blow for a franchise that has not won a playoff series since Kevin Durant left for Golden State in 2016 and has had two straight losing seasons. Holmgren averaged 14.1 points and 9.9 rebounds last season for Gonzaga and was fourth in the nation with 3.7 blocked shots per game. He had a strong summer league performance, giving Thunder fans hope that the team's potential superstar of the future soon would be making a difference.

"He was just having a monster summer," Presti said. "He's been playing with tons of NBA players over the course



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Chet Holmgren (7) runs the court against the Memphis Grizzlies during an NBA summer league basketball game Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

of the summer and getting better and better and better. In this case, we are just going to have to wait a little bit longer for his presence to actually take the floor for us."

Presti has no issue with Holmgren having participated in the Pro Am event and said such games and venues are approved by the league. The game, which also featured Celtics All-Star Jayson Tatum, had to be stopped because of the floor conditions, though that didn't appear to cause Holmgren's injury.

"Guys are playing all over the place all the time, everywhere," Presti said. "If you have players that love to play, they are going to play basket-

ball. Every time you step on a basketball court, something like this could happen. It could happen in a game. It could happen in a practice. It could happen in a scrimmage. ... It's just part of it."

Presti said the injury won't prompt the Thunder to give up and tank for a better position in the 2023 draft, as some fans have suggested.

"We just have to focus on what we can control, and I think that we have a group of guys that will continually get better for quite a long time," he said. "But we're still scaling the mountain in the Western Conference, and we have to see where that goes. We come into every season the same way since 2008, which is

we have to wait to see how the season unfolds."

Skeptics pointed to Holmgren's slender build as a liability and a reason he perhaps should not have been drafted so early. The year offers him time to add to his 195-pound frame, among other things.

"He's going to get better just by getting stronger, just by seeing things differently, just by learning the NBA," Presti said. "All that's going to be happening. He's going to be able to shoot. He's going to be able to do a lot of things with the ball."

A high draft pick having to sit out his first NBA season isn't unprecedented, and in some cases it hasn't stopped players from reaching All-Star or even

MVP-caliber levels.

Ben Simmons went No. 1 overall in 2016 and missed the following season with a foot injury. Blake Griffin was the top pick in 2009 but had to sit while recovering from a knee injury, as was the case with No. 1 selection Greg Oden in 2007.

Reigning NBA scoring champion Joel Embiid was the No. 3 pick in 2014 and missed his first two seasons with foot issues. Nerlens Noel was the

No. 6 selection in 2013 and missed what would have been his first season with a knee problem, and Michael Porter Jr. was the 14th pick in the 2018 draft and missed the ensuing season with a back injury.

It even happened previously to the Thunder franchise: Nick Collison was the No. 12 pick in the 2003 draft by Seattle, unable to play that following season with shoulder issues. Collison went on to spend his entire career with the Thunder, getting his No. 4 jersey retired — the first such honor bestowed by the team in the Oklahoma City era — and remains part of the team's front office.

There have been other instances of lottery picks missing what could have been their rookie years, including Jonas Valanciunas — the No. 5 selection in 2011 — not being able to join the Toronto Raptors until a year later because of his contract status with his European team at the time. Dario Saric and Ricky Rubio were lottery picks who played with their overseas clubs for two more years before coming to the NBA.

Presti isn't worried about Holmgren long term and believes his drive will allow him to handle the recovery process well.

"I think he's well-positioned to do a good job with it," Presti said. "There's going to be some tough times now, don't get me wrong, but he's got what it takes and he'll be ready when he's ready to come back. I think he'll be a force."

Patrick Beverley returning to Los Angeles with Lakers

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Patrick Beverley is returning to Los Angeles, this time joining LeBron James and the Lakers.

A fan favorite when he played for the Clippers, Beverley was acquired from the Utah Jazz on Thursday in exchange for guard Talen Horton-Tucker and forward Stanley Johnson.

"Woke up a Laker!!! Its On!!!" Beverley wrote in a Tweet that included purple and gold heart emojis.

He averaged 9.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 4.6 assists for Minnesota last season while starting 54 of 58 games and helping the Timberwolves make the playoffs. He ended up in Utah as part of a multi-player deal when the Jazz sent Rudy Gobert to Minnesota in early July.

"We are thrilled to add Patrick Beverley's toughness



Minnesota Timberwolves guard Patrick Beverley, right, controls the ball against Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant, left, in the second half during Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series April 26, 2022, in Memphis, Tenn.

and competitive spirit to our team," general manager Rob Pelinka said. "We're confident that Patrick's '3-and-D' style will fit in nicely with the other pieces of our roster and align perfectly with Coach (Darvin) Ham's philosophy of hard work and smart play."

The 34-year-old guard from Chicago is known for his ferocious defense that makes him popular with home crowds and a thorn to opposing players. The three-time NBA All-Defensive team member played for the Clippers from 2017-21 until he was traded

to Memphis and then to the Wolves nine days later.

"I used to hate Patrick Beverley when he played against my Lakers lol but now I love him because he's on our team and he's going to help my Lakers get to the playoffs!" tweeted Lakers great Magic Johnson.

Beverley played for Houston from 2012-17.

Horton-Tucker played three seasons with the Lakers, averaging 9.3 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists in 131 games, mostly off the bench.

Johnson began last season with the South Bay Lakers of the NBA's developmental league before signing three separate 10-day contracts with the big-league club. He was signed by the Lakers for the rest of the season in late January. In 48 games, he averaged 6.7 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

Ex-NBA player Terrence Williams pleads guilty in fraud case

NEW YORK (AP)—Former NBA player Terrence Williams has pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit health care fraud and identity theft in connection to a multimillion-dollar scam against the basketball league's health plan, authorities said.

Williams, 35, entered his plea in federal court in Manhattan on Friday. He is scheduled to be sentenced in January, and faces a maximum of 20 years in prison for the conspiracy charge, and a mandatory minimum of two years in prison for the identity theft.

An email seeking comment was sent to his attorney.

Williams was accused of being the leader of the scheme, which consisted of fraudulent claims and paperwork being submitted to the league's plan for medical and dental reimbursements.

He and 17 other former players were charged in an indictment in October 2021, and authorities said at least

\$5 million in false claims were submitted to the plan between 2017 and 2021.

Damian Williams, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, said Terrence Williams ran the scheme and recruited others to be part of it, giving them fake paperwork to submit.

Authorities said Williams received at least \$300,000 in kickbacks from the others for his efforts.

In situations where others involved balked, authorities said Williams pretended to be other people and threatened them in order to gain compliance.

The former player had been on pretrial release but was remanded into custody earlier this year, with authorities telling a judge he had threatened a witness.

As a part of the plea agreement, Williams will pay \$2.5 million in restitution to the plan and forfeit over \$650,000 to the federal government.

Ohtani shuts down Blue Jays in Angels' 2-0 win



TORONTO (AP)—

Shohei Ohtani struck out nine in seven innings and Andrew Velazquez homered, helping the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0 Saturday.

Ohtani (11-8) allowed two hits — a single for George Springer in the first, and a two-out double for Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the third — in his career-best 11th win. Ohtani threw a season-high 109 pitches, 72 for strikes, in his first win since Aug. 9 at Oakland. He lowered his ERA to 2.67.

Jimmy Herget retired all six batters he faced for his third save to finish the two-hitter as the Angels won consecutive games after losing the previous six, blanking the Blue Jays for the second day in a row. Los Angeles, which won 12-0 Friday, leads the AL with 16 shutouts.

David Fletcher had three hits and scored the winning run on Luis Rengifo's single in the sixth. Velazquez hit his eighth homer against Anthony Bass in the ninth. He also went deep on Friday.

All-Star right-hander Alek Manoah (12-7) struck out eight in seven innings for Toronto.

Athletics 3, Yankees 2, 11 innings

In Oakland, Calif., Shea Langeliers scored on a throwing error by second baseman DJ LeMahieu in the 11th inning, and Oakland snapped New York's five-game winning streak.

With runners on first and second and one out, Chad Pinder hit an apparent double-play grounder to shortstop off Lou Trivino (2-8). The Yankees got the force at second base but LeMahieu's throw to first was off target, allowing Langeliers to score the winning run.

Joel Payamps (3-3) pitched a scoreless 11th for the win as the Yankees managed just one hit — their fewest in an extra-inning game since at least 1906, according to Sportradar.

Mets 3, Rockies 0

In New York, Brandon Nimmo hit a leadoff homer and an RBI double, and David Peterson pitched six innings of four-hit ball as first-place New York won its third straight.

Starling Marte added an RBI double in the seventh for the Mets, who moved three games ahead of second-place Atlanta in the NL East. New York (82-46) holds the second-best record in the majors and is 36 games over .500 for the first time since finishing 100-60 in 1988.

Marlins 2, Dodgers 1

In Miami, Sandy Alcántara

bounced back from his shortest outing of the season by throwing a complete-game six-hitter as Miami beat Los Angeles.

After allowing a season-high six runs in 3 2/3 innings against the Dodgers on Aug. 21, Alcántara (12-6) limited the NL-West leaders to Mookie Betts' solo home run. The All-Star right-hander struck out 10 and walked two for his fourth complete game.

Padres 4, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Wil Myers hit a two-run homer against his former team, Yu Darvish recovered from a rocky start and San Diego beat Kansas City.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first inning, the Padres took the lead in the third and held on. Myers connected in the second, and San Diego went ahead on RBI singles by Manny Machado and Brandon Drury an inning later.

Darvish (11-7) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked two. The right-hander has lasted at least six innings in 22 of his 24 starts, most in the National League. Robert Suarez worked the eighth and Nick Martinez got three outs for his sixth save.

Kansas City scored three times in the first on Nick Pratto's two-run double and an RBI single by Hunter Dozier.

Cardinals 6, Braves 5

In St. Louis, Corey Dickerson tied the score with an infield single and Tyler O'Neill drew a bases-loaded walk, all in the bottom of the ninth inning, to give St. Louis its sixth walk-off win of the season.

Nolan Arenado and Andrew Knizner homered for the Cardinals.

Brendan Donovan hit a one-out double off Kenley Jansen (5-1) in the ninth and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Jansen walked Paul Goldschmidt and hit Nolan Arenado to load the bases. Dickerson singled to shortstop Dansby Swanson, scoring Donovan and tying the game. Jansen then walked O'Neill on five pitches to blow his fifth save in 34 chances.

Ryan Helsley (8-1) pitched a scoreless ninth in his first appearance since Aug. 16 after missing eight games due to the birth of his first child.

Twins 3, Giants 2, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Gilberto Celestino walked with the bases loaded in the 10th inning and Minnesota rallied to beat the San Francisco.

It was the second straight win for the Twins, who had previously lost six in a row.



Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Shohei Ohtani (17) throws to a Toronto Blue Jays batter during the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 in Toronto.

Pinch-runner Caleb Hamilton started the extra inning on second base and advanced to third on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Nick Gordon. Gio Urshela walked and Max Kepler was intentionally walked before Celestino took four straight balls from Dominic Leone (4-5), San Francisco's fifth reliever of the night.

Down to its last out, RBI singles by Carlos Correa and Jake Cave off San Francisco closer Camilo Doval tied the score 2-2 in the ninth.

Guardians 4, Mariners 3

In Seattle, José Ramírez homered and sparked an eighth-inning comeback with an RBI double, Zach Plesac won for the first time since early June and Cleveland to beat Seattle.

Ramírez hit his 26th homer off Seattle starter Luis Castillo in the fourth, then slapped a 101 mph fastball from reliever Andrés Muñoz (2-5) down the left-field line as part of Cleveland's three-run eighth. Josh Naylor also had an RBI grounder and Andrés Giménez added a sacrifice fly in the inning.

The rally handed Plesac (3-11) his first victory since June 5. The right-hander lost his previous seven decisions, but limited the Mariners to three hits over a season-high seven innings and struck out six. James Karinchak pitched the eighth and Emmanuel Clase worked the ninth for his 30th save.

Orioles 3, Astros 1

In Houston, Anthony Santander and Austin Hays homered, and Dean Kremer pitched into

the eighth inning to lead Baltimore past Houston.

Santander's two-run shot came off José Urquidy (12-5) with one out in the third inning, and Hays connected with two outs in the frame to give the Orioles a 3-0 lead.

Kremer (6-4) allowed four hits and a run in a career-high 7 2/3 innings. Felix Bautista got the last four outs for his 10th save.

Red Sox 5, Rays 1

In Boston, Rich Hill struck out a season-high 11 in seven shutout innings, and Boston beat Tampa Bay for a rare series win against another AL East team.

Kiké Hernández hit a solo homer for Boston, which also beat Tampa Bay 9-8 on Friday night. J.D. Martinez and Bobby Dalbec each drove in two runs.

The last-place Red Sox (62-65) had dropped four in a row before the contending Rays arrived at Fenway Park. The Red Sox are 3-13-1 in series against AL East clubs this season.

Randy Arozarena hit an RBI single in the eighth for Tampa Bay's only run. The Rays (69-57) are fighting for positioning in the AL wild-card standings.

Reds 6, Nationals 2

In Washington, TJ Friedl hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth inning, Colin Moran also went deep in his return to the majors and Cincinnati beat Washington.

Kyle Farmer added a first-inning homer for the Reds, who have won back-to-back games against the Nationals after dropping 12 of their

previous 16.

Lane Thomas hit his 13th home run for Washington, which has lost five of six and at 42-85 owns the worst record in the majors.

The Reds put two on with one out in the sixth to chase Nationals starter Paolo Espino (0-6). Jake McGee, the lone left-hander in Washington's bullpen, entered and Friedl lofted a slider just over the fence in right-center to make it 4-1. Two batters later, Moran also homered.

Diamondbacks 10, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Jake McCarthy had a career-high four hits, and Arizona handed Chicago its eighth loss in 10 games.

Geraldo Perdomo and Carson Kelly each had three RBIs for the Diamondbacks. Emmanuel Rivera, Ketel Marte and Alek Thomas each drove in a run for the Diamondbacks, who won their second straight against the White Sox.

Merrill Kelly surrendered Gavin Sheets' three-run homer in the first, but allowed just one run over the next 6 1/3 innings in his first win since July 25. Kelly (11-5) yielded five hits and struck out seven while stopping a string of five straight no-decisions.

Elvis Andrus had two hits for the White Sox. Davis Martin (2-4) was charged with five runs, four hits and four walks in three innings in his fifth career start.

Phillies 6, Pirates 0

In Philadelphia, Kyle Gibson pitched seven strong innings and Philadelphia got its sixth straight victory.

Nick Castellanos homered as Philadelphia moved a season-best 17 games over .500. Bryce Harper singled and was intentionally walked twice in his second game back after missing 52 contests with a broken left thumb. The Phillies (72-55) are second in the NL wild-card standings with the franchise's best record since 2011 when it won the last of its five straight NL East titles.

Gibson (9-5) gave up six hits, struck out nine and walked one. Sam Coonrod worked the eighth and Nick Nelson finished the six-hitter with a 1-2-3 ninth, striking out two.

Bligh Madris doubled and Greg Allen had two hits for the Pirates, who have lost seven in a row and 13 of 15.

Brewers 7, Cubs 0

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich went 4 of 5 with a three-run homer and Brandon Woodruff pitched six strong innings to lead Milwaukee.

After Woodruff and Chicago's Drew Smyly kept the game scoreless through six innings, the Brewers broke through in the bottom of the seventh with four runs off reliever Rowan Wick (4-7). One run scored when Cubs third baseman Christopher Morel had a throwing error on Jace Peterson's bunt, and Yelich followed with his 10th homer of the season.

Yelich also singled in the third, fifth and eighth innings for his first four-hit game since he hit for the cycle in a 14-11 loss at Cincinnati on May 11.

Kolten Wong added a solo shot and Willy Adames hit a two-run blast off Michael Rucker in the eighth.

Tigers 11, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Javier Báez hit an RBI single in each of the first two innings and Jeimer Candelario connected for a two-run homer against Dallas Keuchel, helping Detroit pound Texas.

Eric Haase hit a sacrifice fly off Keuchel, and then added a two-run homer during Detroit's three-run ninth.

Eduardo Rodríguez (3-3) won his second consecutive start since his return to the Tigers after three months away because of a ribcage injury and time on the restricted list to deal with family issues. The left-hander limited Texas to one run and six hits over six innings.

Rangers right fielder Adolis García extended his hitting streak to 23 games, the longest active streak in the majors and longest in the American League this season. García singled in the sixth and led off the ninth with his 21st homer.

'Champions of Triton Athletics' wall updated with new champions



The University of Guam on Friday afternoon updated their Champions of Triton Athletics wall in the UOG Calvo Field House on a "Live" version of the Triton Sports Zone, the weekly athletic podcast from Triton Athletics and Field House Department.

Student host, Rozanna Claros, of the Triton Sports Zone, announced the new class of Champions on the podcast.

The Champions of Triton Athletics wall was first introduced in the fall of 2019 with a collection of 12 student-athletes who were team award winners from the previous



The new "Champions" of Triton Athletics

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Rozanna Claros interviews Logan Hopkins

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Victor Consaga, UOG Sports Photographer whose pictures are used in the Wall of Champions

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Katrina Santos, Women's Basketball MVP for spring 2022 and new member of the Champions of Triton Athletics

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academic year and was considered by their coaches and the athletics director as stu-

dent-athletes of strong character, academics, and athletic ability. At that time, UOG had four sports, so three student-athletes each from men's and women's soccer and men's and women's basketball were installed on the wall.

For the cycle of the spring 2022 when UOG began to play sports again after the pandemic eased, 10 student-athletes were placed on the wall and featured students from 5 Triton Athletic teams

to include men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's soccer, and women's rugby. The other two spots on the wall featured advertisements for the Triton Sports Zone podcast and the Triton Athletics Booster Club.

The players for this year's wall of Champions:

- Diane "D" Blackmon – Men's Basketball – MVP
- Teresa Wagthuth – Women's Basketball – Best Offense

- Isaiah Macias – Men's Soccer – MVP

- Jaren Gumataotao – Baseball – Best Defense

- Katrina Santos – Women's Basketball – MVP

- Matthew Santos – Men's Basketball – Best Offense

- Rianne Quichocho – Women's Rugby – MVP

- Jason Miller Jr. – Men's Soccer – Best Offense

- Arren Yatar – Baseball – MVP and Student-Athlete of the Year

- Alexandria Cruz – Women's Rugby – Sportsmanship

The pictures will remain up for one academic year when they will be replaced at the beginning of the 2023-24 academic year with the Class of 2022-23.

"While it is hard to take down the pictures of the first class of Champions, it is also a proud time to install a new set of Champions of Triton Athletics on the wall and give our current and future

players something to aim for in the future," said UOG Athletics director Doug Palmer.

The podcast also featured interviews with Victor Consaga, the UOG Sports Photographer, whose pictures are used for the Champions wall, as well as interviews with Katrina Santos, a new women's basketball Champion on the wall and Logan Hopkins, a former men's basketball Champion who now will attempt to return to the wall after being off island for two years. (PR)

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	78	49	.614	
Tampa Bay	69	57	.548	8½
Toronto	68	57	.544	9
Baltimore	67	59	.532	10½
Boston	62	65	.488	16

Central Division

Cleveland	67	58	.536	
Minnesota	64	61	.512	3
Chicago	63	64	.496	5
Kansas City	51	77	.398	17½
Detroit	49	78	.386	19

West Division

Houston	81	47	.633	
Seattle	69	58	.543	11½
Texas	58	68	.460	22
Los Angeles	54	73	.425	26½
Oakland	47	81	.367	34

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

New York	82	46	.641	
Atlanta	79	49	.617	3
Philadelphia	72	55	.567	9½
Miami	55	71	.437	26
Washington	42	85	.331	39½

Central Division

St. Louis	73	54	.575	
Milwaukee	66	59	.528	6
Chicago	55	72	.433	18
Cincinnati	50	75	.400	22
Pittsburgh	47	79	.373	25½

West Division

Los Angeles	87	38	.696	
San Diego	70	58	.547	18½
San Francisco	61	64	.488	26
Arizona	58	67	.464	29
Colorado	54	74	.422	34½

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MARTIN

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race together. They did a really good job. There was lots of support from the event spectators- everything was all perfect," said Martin.

About the race itself, he said that it was "more challenging" for him because the course was more "flat" rather

than the climbs that he's used to. He said, "with flat races, a lot more folks can draft in the race, so I had to figure out a way to get away or separate. So on the first lap, once it started to separate, I took advantage of that. And I was just trying to hold my pace the whole time and that's how it all happened."

He added that after winning, he said that he was "ex-

cited... it's like you got to take what you can get right? Especially as you get older, so you got to enjoy every moment because the next generation is going to be coming and those are the guys that [will be] shining when they get their chance."

Martin represented Guam along with fellow cyclists and competed on Saipan at the 2017 Hell of the Marianas,

clinching team Guam's top spot with a time of 3:44:42.

The women's results will be reported in the coming issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

Up next in the 50th celebration of Tan Holdings, there will be a walkathon starting at the Garapan Fishing Base at 6:30am on Monday, Sept. 5, and at 4pm from the POI Aviation building in Airport Road.

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and Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president Colin Thompson for the Aug. 30-Sept. 5 meet.

"Team is in route. Colin was selected to be an Oceania official at the FINA event," said Richard Sikkell.

The Saipan Swim Club coach Sikkell said Jinie Thompson Savita Sikkell have been

training in both the open water and swimming pools weeks before the 8th World Junior Swimming Championships.

"Practicing in both the open water and swimming pools. We are grateful to be able to use Pacific Islands Club Saipan for training twice a week. Personal bests and race experience are the targets. Looking forward to the Peruvian food and sights aside from the swimming," he said.

Coach Sikkell earlier said this

being a World Junior Championships the two NMI swimmers are not limited to a maximum of two events like they are in the World Championships, so Jinie Thompson and Savita Sikkell will both swim five events to maximize their time in the competition pool.

Both NMI swimmers will compete in the 50m and 100m freestyle, 50m and 100m backstroke, and the 50m butterfly.

Jinie Thompson and Savita Sikkell earlier said they're

honored to be representing the CNMI again in the junior world championships.

"It is the first time the CNMI will be present in this event, which makes it that much more special. It is exciting to see how I will do in my events and hopefully personal best times will be made," said the former.

"I feel honored to represent the CNMI as this is the first time we have gone to the junior world championships. I

am aiming to improve my personal bests, gain race experience in general, and represent the CNMI to the best of my ability. In order to accomplish this we have been training and focusing a lot recently in areas that still need improvement," said the latter.

Originally, Anthony Deleon Guerrero was also selected by the NMSF to travel to Peru, but he had to bow out at the last minute due to previously arranged travel plans.



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Martin wins Tan Holdings bike race

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Guam resident Jonathan Martin won the Tan Holdings 50th Anniversary Road/ MTB Bike Race from Banzai Cliff in Marpi last Saturday.

The event was in celebration of the company's 50th anniversary on Saipan and was a first in a series of athletic events to celebrate its anniversary.

With over 100 participants from beginners to veterans, the 36-year-old veteran cyclist who works in IT at Take Care Insurance in Guam, sped through the 50-km long course from Banzai Cliff to Seafix in Tanapag, then back to Banzai Cliff again with a time of just 1:20:14.

He was followed by Joel Buco who came in at 1:24:25. Fred Remillosa completed the Top 3 at a mere millisecond after Buco at 1:24:26.

Along with the overall road bike long course event, the overall male MTB winner was Nap Dizon, the 2017 Hell of Marianas winner, clocking in

at 1:25:53. For the 30-39-year-old age group, Michael Aparte dominated. Leo Wania, bronze medalist in the triathlon event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, topped the 40-49 year old age group. In the 50-54-year-old age group, Raymund Tolentino bagged first place, while Edmundo Bata topped the 55-59-year-old age group. Finally, in the 60 years old and up age group, Danny Calvo came out on top.

Martin was seen after the race, ecstatic and taking photos with fellow cyclists and was asked how he felt about winning the overall men's category.

"First of all, I want to congratulate and thank the race organizers, Tan Holdings and Ricky Castro, for putting this

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LEIGH GASES
Jonathan Martin of Guam is all smiles as he comes in first overall in the 50th Tan Holdings Anniversary Road/MTB Bike Race held from Banzai Cliff in Marpi last Saturday.

Team Salty Bandits tops Mafuti Derby



LEIGH GASES

The Salty Bandits crew, consisting of captain Masaki Kitami, Joey Tudela, Austin Benavente, and Kalama Fernandez, poses with their winnings and the Mike's Cup trophy after the 4th Annual Mafuti Derby at the Saipan Lagoon last Saturday.

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Salty Bandits dethroned three-time champion Nibbler to win this year's 4th Annual Mafuti Derby hosted by ISLA or The I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association held last Saturday at the waters inside Saipan Lagoon.

Captain Masaki Kitami, crew members Joey Tudela, Austin Benavente, and Kalama Fernandez won the Mike's Cup with their 6.35-lb catch and also took home the side bet winnings of \$700 for their total catch of 9.40 lbs.

Team Ri, captained by George Moses, won second place with a catch of 5.2 lbs. In third place, Edward Diaz and crew of the Nibbler came up with a 4.25-lb fish. Third place was Martin Camacho and crew of Chaw Me Naw

with a 2.8-lb haul.

After being presented their awards, a clearly excited Kitami told Saipan Tribune "really feel blessed" and "it's an honor" winning. He added that it took time for them to win the top prize after joining all four derbies but "eventually we conquered what we wanted to accomplish."

When asked what he and the crew will do with their prizes, they all yelled "celebrate!"

Kitami, a 22-year-old CNMI resident and recreational fisherman, has been fishing for the past eight years. He said they will join next year's derby and "hopefully [win] next year again."

He then thanked ISLA and Island Image and Motion "for giving us all these blessed awards."

ISLA was established in
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CNMI swimmers off to Peru



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From left, Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president Colin Thompson, Jinie Thompson, Saipan Swim Club and national coach Richard Sikkell and Savita Sikkell as they await their flight to Lima, Peru at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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The CNMI national swimming team to the 8th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships in Lima, Peru left Saipan over the weekend.



Saipan International School students Jinie Thompson and Savita Sikkell were accompanied by national coach Richard Sikkell
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